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## OSU System, Okmulgee Campus, and Tribal leaders present funding request to Oklahoma Congressional team

WASHINGTON, D.C. — A team of leaders representing the Oklahoma State University System, the OSU-Okmulgee campus, and the Muscogee (Creek) Nation recently visited the National Capitol to present a funding request of \$10 million to provide planning, equipment, and start-up costs for the tribal college proposed by the Five Civilized Tribes and the OSU System last fall.



After meeting with the congressional team, the group, along with Governor Brad Henry and other VIP's from the state, participated in a ceremony honoring Carl Albert, former Speaker of the U.S. Congress.

The OSU System and the Muscogee (Creek) Nation are partnering to establish and operate a comprehensive Tribal College/University on the OSU-Okmulgee Campus. This partnership will provide comprehensive services to Native American in a culturally sensitive setting. In addition to education services, a state-of-the-art health care service and research center for Native Americans is being proposed, with participation by the OSU Health Services Center. The Muscogee Nation and the OSU System are equally committed to this endeavor.

Representing the tribe was Speaker of the National Council, Thomas Yahola and Tribal Attorney General, Montie Deer who represented Chief Ellis. The OSU System was represented by: President & CEO Dr. David Schmidly; OSU-Okmulgee President Dr. Bob Klabenes; OSU-Okmulgee Health and Environmental Technology Division Chair, Jerry Wilson; and Planning Consultant, Dr. James King.

Oklahoma State Representative Brad Carson expressed a strong interest in the project, recognizing the need to bring new education, health, and economic opportunities to Eastern Oklahoma.

## Original Allottee passes away at the age of 101



Original Allottee California "Kelly" Fixico passed away Sunday, April 11 at Valley View Regional Hospital at the age of 101. Services were held Thursday, April 15, at Tukvpvtce Church with Rev. Malcolm Tiger officiating. He was born June 2, 1902 to Lucy Kernal and Kano [Cano] Fixico on his allotment which was located west of Paden. He attended school in the Paden area until enrolling at Nuyaka Mission. He later attended Haskell Industrial Labor Institute in Lawrence, Kan. He excelled in football and baseball. He met his wife, Winey Yahola, in the Holdenville area and they married on May 28, 1942. They made their home on her grandmother's (Wysie Deere) allotment — on which old Tukvpvtce Etlvww is located. California belonged to the Beaver Clan. Both of his parents belonged to Little River Tulsa Tribal Town. His maternal grandparents are Mary Kernal McCulla and Peter Kernal. Selusky Bear and Nokos Fixico are his paternal grandparents.

Martha Berryhill is the only remaining original allottee alive. This year's festival is honoring the original allottees.

## Amendment committee seeks input from tribal citizens

OKMULGEE — The Constitutional Amendment Committee held their meeting on April 6 with the consensus of the committee to publicize the proposed amendments to the Constitution to generate input from Muscogee (Creek) Citizens.

"These amendments are just proposals, they are not laws," stated Cherrah Quiett. Constitutional Amendment Committee Chair. "We are asking our tribal citizens for their input. We value what our citizens have to say."

The Constitutional Amendment Committee meetings are scheduled for the first Tuesday of every month at 6:30 p.m. in the National Council Chambers. For more information contact the Suzanne McIntosh.

The following is the proposed amendments:

### Constitutional Amendment

#### Article VI:

(a) Each representative shall be elected by a vote

of the district and shall hold office for six (6) years. These terms of office shall be staggered to ensure part of the council stands for election every two (2) years. Beginning with the first election after this amendment is approved the number 1 seat in each district shall be for a full six (6) year term in office. The number two seat in each district shall be for a four (4) year term in office and the balance of all district seats shall be for a two (2) year term in office. Every two (2) years thereafter the expiring terms shall be elected to a full six (6) year term in office.

#### Article VI:

(a) Each representative shall be elected by a vote of the district and shall hold office for four (4) years. These terms of office shall be staggered to ensure one half of the council stands for election every two (2) years. Beginning with the first election after this amend

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Woman looking for help with ancestry

**Editor:**

I am looking for relatives to my great-grandmother. Her name was Mary (Mollie) McIntosh. She was born in 1863, married in 1880 in Robertson County, Tennessee, and was often referred to as "Wolf". Do you have a genealogy link or someone who could assist me in this search. I have a picture of her and a marriage license. I have no further information other than that she was Creek. Please pass this along or let me know who to contact.

You may contact me by e-mail at mvmn@mchsi.com, by mail at 1016 South O street, Oskaloosa, Iowa 52577 or by phone at 641-673-6788.

**Marylee Draughn Vogt, Oskaloosa, Iowa**

Man looking for tribal license plates

**Editor:**

My name is Erik Boss and I am from the Netherlands. I am fascinated by American Indian Culture and one of the things I do is collect expired license plates of the tribes of America.

At the moment I have the following license plates of your tribe – passenger plates of 1999 and 2002.

Some plates I am still looking for are government vehicle, veteran army, air force, marines, vanity, commercial, motor-

cycle, and farm truck.

Can you please help me to find any of these plates? I am particularly interested in the Veteran plates because I specialize in tribal VET plates. At the moment I have VET plates from the Ponca, Cherokee, and Kiowa tribes. I am willing to buy them or trade one for anything you might collect.

Please let me know and thank you in advance from tulip country. Contact me by e-mail at erikboss@yahoo.com or Oldenallerhout 13, 3843 EAHARDERWIJK, The Netherlands.

**Erik Bos, The Netherlands**

Woman enjoys *Muscogee Nation News*

**Editor:**

I would like to see obituaries listed and church news. It's also good to read coverage of Muscogee National Council News and letting tribal members know what's happening; also the tribe's financial status report.

Overall, I rate your paper very highly and interesting and look forward to reading each issue. Keep up the good work.

**Grace Dailey, Seminole**

Representative compliments Communications staff

**Editor:**

I would like to take the time to let your staff know the job

they did on the Inauguration was great. The programs and the invitations your department made were wonderful. The way you have all worked together and making this Nation will be able to see better things that will be coming from the Communications Department. I also would like to thank the Inauguration Committee for putting together this event. Great Job!

**Sandra Parrish, Muskogee**

News from your Attorney General

**Editor:**

It goes without saying that all citizens are proud of our great seal. However, it is a crime to reproduce the seal without first receiving permission of the Muscogee Nation by way of duly adopted law or Tribal Resolution. The only exception is the noncommercial use of the Seal by any agency or Chartered Community of the Muscogee Nation (see Title 14-2-504, Muscogee Creek Code).

**Montie Deer, Okmulgee**

Woman thanks supporters

**Editor:**

The family would like to take this time to thank everyone for their prayers when Derek was diagnosed with leukemia at the age of 22 months. He is currently in remission and out of treatment. Once again, *mvto!*

**Teresa Bible, Glenpool**

## Second opinion

by Second Chief Alfred Berryhill

*Ko Makate.* Well it's spring time and the clock has sprung forward. This is the time of year for all citizens of Oklahoma to be very watchful of the weather. As you might have heard, a while back the Creeks claimed to have the ability to split a tornado (hutvle rakko). We may want to learn that art again.

Last week, I was privileged to go on a trip to Columbia, South Carolina. I met with the South Carolina National Guard for a signing ceremony for a Memorandum of Understanding. This understanding enjoins the Nation and the SCNG to communicate findings made by them when they unearth something of Creek origin, such as artifacts that may be of historical significance. There were several other Nations represented from Oklahoma who were former inhabitants of the southeastern region.



The Muscogee Nation Business Enterprise Construction Services will complete a \$1.4 million HVAC/Roof renovation at the Creek Nation Tulsa Casino in May. They have also been awarded a contract from HIP to do a project in Drumright. They have also received an award of contract to build a new parking lot at the Muskogee Travel Plaza. And, they have received an award of contract to paint the exterior walls of the Tulsa Casino. Finally, they have been awarded a contract to expand the gaming room at the Okmulgee Travel Plaza.

The Muscogee Nation Business Enterprise Information Technology Service has been awarded a contract with the Army MEDCOMM in San Antonio, Texas for IDIQ.

The tribal Trade & Commerce Authority's Document Imaging Company has received orders and is accepting records

for storage at the old commodity warehouse. We are also proud to announce the acceptance from private donation of 10 head herd of buffaloes (yvnvsvs). This herd is presently being cared for by the buffalo ranch on State Highway 16, east of State Highway 75 beeline. Hopefully, this herd will be transferred to one of our locations in the Nation.

The festival committee has been working diligently to put together all the activities for 2004. The committee decided to entitle the theme of this year's festival in honor of our last three original allottees. An art contest will be held and the winner of the contest will be honored by displaying their art for this year's T-shirts for the festival.

We had a successful meeting in Eufaula for our first town hall. Thanks Eufaula for your hospitality and the wonderful turn out. Chief Ellis has announced that another town hall meeting will be held in three months at the Holdenville Community Center. We hope to see as many as possible from the Holdenville area.

The Chickasaw Nation is hosting this quarters Inter-Tribal meeting in Ada. The next Inter-Tribal will be hosted by our Nation. We will need everyone's support in greeting our visitors and making their visit with us an enjoyable one. And of course, Easter will be over by the time this edition gets out and I hope that everyone had an enjoyable and safe holiday weekend.

I would also like to remind everyone of the upcoming DAV seminar to be held on June 11 at the Mound Building in the National Council Auditorium. Please remind all veterans of all wars and peace timers as well to come to this very important informational seminar. It might mean more dollars in your pocket.

Until I write again, *omvllackat evketecvtvsv ce* (every one be watchful).

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# Muscogee National Council overview

OKMULGEE — The following consists of actions of the Muscogee (Creek) National Council conducted at the January 31, quarterly session.

## January 31, quarterly session

Absent were: **Robert Hufft**, Tulsa District.

Speaker **Thomas Yahola**, Tukvptvce District, conducted the meeting and did not vote.

veto message:

- approved (24-0-0) to veto TR 03-099, approving the alternative housing program policy and procedures;

voting yes by district: **Tiger**, Creek District; **Harjo**, Creek District; **Barnett**, Creek District; **Pickering**, McIntosh District; **Notaro**, McIntosh District; **McIntosh**, McIntosh District; **Parish**, Muskogee District; **S. Johnson**, Muskogee District; **Watson**, Okfuskee District; **Wind**, Okfuskee District; **Golden**, Okfuskee District; **Jones**, Okmulgee District; **K. Johnson**, Okmulgee District; **Chalakee**, Okmulgee District; **Williams**, Okmulgee District; **Nichols**, Okmulgee District; **Ade**, Tukvptvce District; **Fields**, Tukvptvce District; **Bible**, Tulsa District; **Quiett**, Tulsa District; **Cleghorn**, Tulsa District; **Hufft**, Tulsa District; **Kelley**, Tulsa District; **Berryhill**, Wagoner District; and **Gillespie**, Wagoner District;

In order of business the Council:

- approved as amended (24-0-0) TR 04-001 authorizing the gaming operations authority board to execute a contract with the bottling group, LLC to provide soft drink products at the nation's gaming facilities;

- approved as amended (24-0-0), NCA 04-007, authorizing a supplemental appropriation to the employment training department, workforce investment work experience program;

- approved (24-0-0), NCA 04-008, authorizing a budget modification for the employment and training department's FY 2003 budget;

- approved (23-0-1) TR 04-003, recognizing the Muscogee (Creek) Nation community partnership board;

abstain were: **Golden**, Okfuskee;

- approved (22-1-1) TR 04-004, confirming the nomination of **James Pratt** as the controller of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation;

voting no were: **Cleghorn**, Tulsa;

abstain were: **Quiett**, Tulsa;

- approved (24-0-0) TR 04-005, confirming the nomination of **Dana Johnson** as the tax commissioner of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation;

- approved (14-10-0) TR 04-006, confirming the nomination of **Pat Wind** as deputy director of the division of human development;

voting no were: **Harjo**, Creek; **S. Johnson**, Muskogee; **Jones**, Okmulgee; **Ade**, Tukvptvce; **Fields**, Tukvptvce; **Bible**, Tulsa; **Quiett**, Tulsa; **Cleghorn**, Tulsa; **Kelley**, Tulsa; and **Gillespie**, Wagoner;

- approved (24-0-0) TR 04-007, authorizing Duck Creek Indian community to construct a new community center located on tribal trust land;

- approved (17-7-0) TR 04-008, confirming the nomination of

**Claude V. Sumner** as executive director of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation;

voting no were: **Harjo**, Creek; **S. Johnson**, Muskogee; **K. Johnson**, Okmulgee; **Ade**, Tukvptvce; **Fields**, Tukvptvce; **Bible**, Tulsa; **Quiett**, Tulsa;

representative **Watson** was out of seat at time of casting of vote;

- approved (24-0-0) TR 04-010, authorizing the Principal Chief to execute a contract for the purchase of land in Okmulgee County, Oklahoma located north of the Claude Cox omniplex;

- approved (15-9-0) TR 04-011, confirming the nomination of **Allen Harjo** as deputy director of the division of tribal affairs;

voting no were: **Harjo**, Creek; **Barnett**, Creek; **S. Johnson**,

Muskogee; **Watson**, Okfuskee; **Jones**, Okmulgee; **Chalakee**, Okmulgee; **Williams**, Okmulgee; **Ade**, Tukvptvce; and **Gillespie**, Wagoner;

- approved (12-11-1) TR 04-012, confirming the nomination of **Della Cherry** as deputy director of the division of community services;

voting no were: **Tiger**, Creek; **Harjo**, Creek; **Parish**, Muskogee; **S. Johnson**, Muskogee; **Watson**, Okfuskee; **Wind**, Okfuskee; **Chalakee**, Okmulgee; **Quiett**, Tulsa; **Cleghorn**, Tulsa; **Kelley**, Tulsa; **Gillespie**, Wagoner;

- approved (24-0-0) TR 04-013, authorizing the gaming operations authority board to proceed with negotiations to construct a new Creek Nation Okmulgee bingo facility;

Speaker **Yahola** relinquished the chair to Second Speaker **Berryhill** to address TR 04-014.

representative **Golden** and **Cleghorn** were out of seat at time of casting of vote;

- approved (22-0-0) TR 04-014, authorizing the Principal Chief to execute a contract for the purchase of land in Seminole County, Oklahoma;

representative **Cleghorn** was out of seat at time of casting of vote;

- approved (23-0-0) TR 04-015, approving the selection of contractors for bid #2004-002-3, rehabilitation of one (1) mutual help home and bid #2004-003-1, rehabilitation of ten (10) vacant Checotah low rent apartments;

representative **Cleghorn** was out of seat at time of casting of vote;

- approved (11-10-2) TR 04-017, confirming the nomination of **Charles R. Coleman** to the Muscogee (Creek) Nation health systems board;

voting no were: **Tiger**, Creek; **Parish**, Muskogee; **S. Johnson**, Muskogee; **Watson**, Okfuskee; **Jones**, Okmulgee; **K. Johnson**, Okmulgee; **Chalakee**, Okmulgee; **Williams**, Okmulgee; **Ade**, Tukvptvce; and **Quiett**, Tulsa;

abstain were: **Golden**, Okfuskee and **Gillespie**, Wagoner;

- approved (21-3-0) NCA 04-001, amending NCA 99-10 (an ordinance of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation creating a business

enterprise of the Muscogee Nation, establishing a board of directors of the enterprise and defining the purpose and powers of the enterprise and its board of directors), as amended by NCA 02-107, as amended by NCA 03-162, to remove board approval of contract expenditures exceeding \$5000 by manager(s) and allow manager(s) to expend enterprise funds up to a certain amount without board approval;

voting no were: **Watson**, Okfuskee; **Ade**, Tukvptvce; and **Fields**, Tukvptvce;

- approved (24-0-0) NCA 04-002, authorizing a supplemental appropriation to the Nuyaka ceremonial ground for the total completion of the bathroom facilities;

- postponed (24-0-0) NCA 04-003, authorizing a supplemental appropriation to the office of public gaming for additional staff and related costs, travel, equipment and supplies for the remainder of fiscal year 2004;

due to a tie vote Speaker votes yes, therefore results being recorded: 13 in favor, 12 against, 0 abstentions;

- approved return to committee (13-12-0) NCA 04-004, repealing NCA 94-10 (substitute) and establishing a Muscogee (Creek) Nation health system;

voting no were: **Barnett**, Creek; **Pickering**, McIntosh; **McIntosh**, McIntosh; **Jones**, Okmulgee; **K. Johnson**, Okmulgee; **Chalakee**, Okmulgee; **Williams**, Okmulgee; **Nichols**, Okmulgee; **Ade**, Tukvptvce; **Fields**, Tukvptvce; **Quiett**, Tulsa; and **Berryhill**, Wagoner;

representative **Cleghorn** was out of seat at time of casting of vote;

- approved (23-0-0) NCA 04-006, authorizing the expenditure of the national Indian child welfare association child abuse and neglect data in American Indian/Alaska Native communities project award for the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Children and Family Services administration;

representative **Pickering** was out of seat at time of casting of vote;

- approved (23-0-0) NCA 04-011, authorizing a special appropriation to assist a tribal citizen in need of assistance to purchase a wheelchair;

representative **Pickering** was out of seat of casting of vote;

- approved as amended (22-0-1) NCA 04-012, appropriating funds to the lighthouse policy department for the purchase of two (2) 4 wheel drive explorer;

abstain were: **Golden**, Okfuskee;

representative **McIntosh** was excused and **Pickering** was out of seat at time of casting of vote;

- approved (22-0-0) NCA 04-015, appropriating funds for the purchase of real property in Okmulgee County, Oklahoma located North of the Claude Cox Omniplex;

- approved as amended (21-2-0) NCA 04-019, appropriating funds for the purchase of four (4) security vehicles that will be utilized by the three (3) tribally operated casinos (Tulsa, Okmulgee, and Muskogee) for the gaming security's restricted use in PA Trolling each casino parking lot and adjacent tribal trust properties only;

voting no were: **Watson**, Okfuskee and **Golden**, Okfuskee;

Speaker **Yahola** relinquished the Chair to Second speaker **Berryhill** to address NCA 04-020;

- approved (23-0-0) NCA 04-020, appropriating funds for the purchase of real property in Seminole County, Oklahoma.



## Education

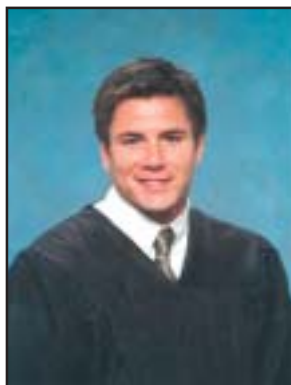
### Hess graduates from Oklahoma University

NORMAN —Jeremey Loren Hess graduated from the University of Oklahoma in 2003 with a bachelors in communications/arts & sciences.

He is a member of OU football team for four years, lettered three years; big XII championship team 2000; national championship team 2000; Independence bowl 1999; cotton bowl in 2001; visited the white house

Hess is currently working as a field engineer for Baker Hughes Inteq.

He is the son of Paula Hess and one brother, Paul Hess.



Hess

### James selected to participate in Mentorship program

BETHANY —Clary Turpen James, a junior at Putnam City West high school, has been selected to participate in the University Mentorship program during her senior year.

An honor student, she was nominated by the faculty, submitted an essay, and was chosen by a District Committee based upon her academics, leadership, and school involvement.

A three year, varsity fastpitch starter, she will be mentored by a University Professor from either OU, UCO or OCU in her anticipated collegiate major, History. She was also chosen as one of the PC West delegates to attend the American Legion Auxiliary's Oklahoma Girls State '04 to be held at East Central University in Ada.

Clary is the daughter of Greg and Penny James of Bethany. Maternal grandmother is the late Phyllis James. She is the great granddaughter of the late Eloise Hall Warren and great-great granddaughter of Irene Hall of Eufaula.

### Root selected as MBA Path Diversity scholar

WASHINGTON D.C.—Frances Root was selected as an MBA Path to Diversity Scholar among 32 professionals nationally and the only one in Oklahoma to receive the scholarship.

The candidates were selected as part of an outreach program to increase diversity in the real estate finance industry. Through the Campus MBA program, education scholarships are awarded to members of groups that have not traditionally participated in the real estate finance industry, helping the individuals to continue their professional development and advance their careers.

Developed to increase cultural diversity throughout the industry, Path to Diversity is available to employees of all MBA's approximately 2,700



Root

member companies. Scholars receive a \$2,295 voucher to use toward Campus MBA residential and commercial real estate finance distance-learning and classroom-based courses, audio programs, resources and publications.

Root is currently working for Housing Authority for the city of Tulsa and former senior loan officer for the mortgage assistance program at the Muscogee Creek Nation housing authority.

## Births

### Mercedes Don Dunn

OKMULGEE — Mercedes Don Dunn was born Dec. 21 at Okmulgee Memorial hospital to George and Lisa Dunn.

She weighed 6 lbs and 9 ounces and was 19.5 inches in length.

Maternal grandparents are Ivalene Tottress of Grayson and John Tottress of Boynton.

Paternal grandparents are George Sr. and Barbara Dunn of Morris.

Maternal great grandparents are the late John Melton and Ivaline Melton of Grayson.

Paternal great grandparents are Eliza Sanders and Charlie Holcomb of Tahlequah.

### Albert Wayne Fixico Jr.

OKMULGEE —Albert Wayne Fixico Jr. was born Feb. 2 to Sharon Harjo and Albert Fixico Sr.

Maternal grandmother is Sheila Harjo of Okmulgee.

Paternal grandmother is Eloise Fixico of Tecumseh.

Maternal great grandparents are Naomi Harjo of Okmulgee and Gary Mitchell of Hanna.

Paternal great grandparents are the late Oscar Fixico and Emma Fixico of Tecumseh.

Albert Jr. has one brother, Lesley Harjo and one sister, Shayln Proctor.

### Raelia Faye Morgan

OKMULGEE — Raelia Faye Morgan was born Oct. 20 at Okmulgee Memorial hospital to Angela Garner and Victor Morgan.

She weighed 8 lbs and 6 ounces and was 21.5 inches in length.

Maternal grandmother is Susie Garner of Okmulgee



Dunn



Fixico



Morgan

Paternal grandparents are Dinah and Dennis Mitchell of Okmulgee and Sammy VanWoogheburg of McAlester.

Great grandparents are Laverne and Emanuel Potter and Homer Bud Garner of Okmulgee and Pauline and the late Dan Morgan. She has one sister, Jenetra.

## Birthdays

### Blackbear celebrates with Care Bear theme

OKMULGEE — Madelyn Blackbear turned three on Jan. 23 with a Care Bear party at her home with family and friends.

She is the daughter of Farrel and Twyla Blackbear.

Maternal grandparents are James and Delores Mosquito of Okmulgee.

Paternal grandparents are Thomasine Long of Okmulgee and Rex Blackbear of Watonga. Madelyn has three sisters, Makayla, Raven and Autumn and one brother, Ira.



Blackbear

### Girl celebrates with Strawberry Shortcake theme

OKMULGEE — Raven Blackbear celebrated her fourth birthday on Feb. 22 with a Strawberry Shortcake party at Mazzio's with family and friends.

She is the daughter of Farrel and Twyla Blackbear.

Maternal grandparents are James and Delores Mosquito of Okmulgee.

Paternal grandparents are Thomasine Long of Okmulgee and Rex Blackbear of Watonga. Raven has three sisters, Makayla, Madelyn and Autumn and one brother, Ira.



Blackbear

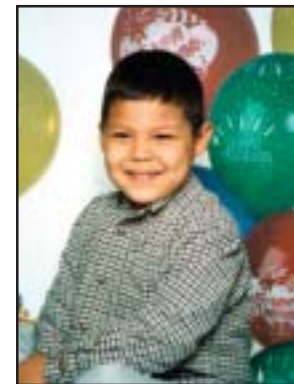
### Hamilton celebrates fifth birthday

GLENPOOL— Derek William Hamilton celebrated his fifth birthday Nov. 3 at his home with family and friends.

Derek attends the Tulsa Creek Nation Head Start.

He is the son of Teresa Bible of Glenpool and Damon Hamilton of Owasso. Maternal grandparents is Norma Bible of Okmulgee and the late Burtis Bible.

Hamilton has three older sister, Sarah Micco, Balynda Bible and Taylor McClellan.



Hamilton

## McClellan celebrated her 14th birthday

GLENPOOL— Taylor Elizabeth McClellan celebrated her 14th birthday on Jan. 6 at her home with family and friends.

She is in the eight grade at Glenpool middle school where she is active in the Native American Student Association.

Taylor is the daughter of Teresa Bible of Glenpool and Billy McClellan Sr. of Agra.

Maternal grandparents are Norma Bible of Okmulgee and the late Burtis Bible.

Paternal grandparents are Frank McClellan Sr. of Shawnee and the late Elvina McClellan.

Taylor is a member of Grave Creek Indian Baptist church in Hitchita.



McClellan

## Boys celebrate birthdays

HENRYETTA— Asa James Mitchell celebrate his second birthday on Feb. 20 with Finding Nemo theme with friends and family.

Silas Wayne Mitchell celebrated his fifth birthday on March 20 with a Ninja Turtle birthday.

Both are the sons of Dennis Jr. and Shannon Mitchell. Maternal grandparents are Rev. Marvin and Sharon Lowe of Weleetka.

Paternal grandparents are Dennis Sr. and Dinah Mitchell both of Okmulgee.

## Society

### Mvskoke senior active in community

HENRYETTA — Geneva Burgess Harris is a retired registered nurse. She is a graduate from the University of Oklahoma and nurse practitioner program. She retains her license for just in case.

She is a member in Chapter AP, PEO, a philanthropic, educational, international women's organization. They aid in women's education throughout the world. Geneva has served three years as president and has served as correspondence secretary. Geneva is a member of the Ithana study club and has served as president and various offices over the years. She is currently the secretary.

Geneva is a member of the Okmulgee County Home & Community Education (HCE) at the Henryetta Branch. She is the current vice-president. She has written a grant for Save a Life and was awarded \$250 for Healthy Living in 2003. She has won two heart of HCE in 2004. One from Oklahoma HCE



Harris

on March 18, and the second from Okmulgee County HCE in Okmulgee on March 4. She has won blue ribbons for projects entered in the county fair.

Harris is a business woman in which she is a Southern Living at home consultant. She attends the church of Christ in Henryetta. She served for many years as a Sunday school teacher. She is married to R.H. for 53 years. They have two children, five grandchildren, and two great grandchildren. She is daughter of Flora and the late Dan Burgess and the granddaughter of the late James and Susanna Burgess.

### Tottress wins Tulsa Metro Lions Club baby show

TULSA — Jaebri Evonne Tottress was crowned Queen in her age group at the Tulsa Metro Lions Club baby show held on Feb. 22. Tottress did very well through all the divisions of the baby show competition.

Jaebri is the daughter of Kermitta Harris-Tottress of Okmulgee and Johnathan Tottress of Henryetta.



Tottress

### McClain celebrates 50th anniversary

BIXBY — Bill and Sarah McClain celebrated their 50th anniversary on April 3.

Bill is a retired produce wholesale and retail store owner. Before that he was a farmer and worked for Sun Oil.

Sarah worked by his side and was also a homemaker. They reside in Leonard.

The McClain's have three children and six grandchildren and four great grandchildren.



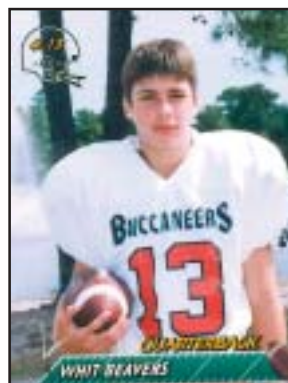
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### Beavers leads team to national championship game

SOUTHPORT, N.C. — Whit Beavers led the Mott Landscaping Bengals to the Pop Warner National Championship game.

Beavers, who recently celebrated his 14th birthday, has been a starter at quarterback for four years. "We've been together since we were real young," said Beavers. The Bengals are only the second team in Wilmington's history to advance to the championship game.

The Bengals have already won the state championship and beaten the Ala-



Beavers

bama champions when they traveled to Norfolk, Virginia. The Bengals will play against the Pacific-Northwest champion.

## Engagements

### Thomas and Bear to exchange vows

OKMULGEE — Stephanie Thomas of Liberty Mounds and Leland J. Bear of Dustin are proud to announce their engagement and upcoming wedding set for April 17 at the Harvest Community church in Okmulgee. Bart Kelley of Glenpool will be performing the ceremony.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Sam Thomas and the granddaughter of Claude and Beverly Thomas, all of Liberty Mounds.

She is a 1999 graduate of Liberty Mounds high school where she played softball, was a cheerleader and a member of FHA.

Stephanie is currently attending Metropolitan College in Tulsa, working on a bachelor's degree to become a paralegal. She is currently employed at the Muskogee (Creek) Nation Judicial department as the court clerk.

The groom-elect is the son of Ima Bear of St. Louis, Mo. and the grandson of Betty Bear of Dustin and Buster Bear Sr. of Henryetta. He is a 1992 graduate of Dustin high school where he played basketball.

He attended the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center in Artesia, N.M. and is currently employed at the Muskogee (Creek) Nation Lighthorse department.

The couple plan to reside in Liberty Mounds after they return from their honeymoon on Padre Island.



Thomas and Bear

### Boulter and Smith to wed

MUSKOGEE — Mr. & Mrs. Dave Boulter and Mr. & Mrs. David Smith Jr. wish to announce the engagement of Brooke Renee' Boulter and Beau david Smith.

The ceremony will be held at 3 p.m. April 17 at the Bacone college chapel, 2299 Old Bacone Rd.

With a reception immediately following at the Muskogee country club.

Brooke is a student at U.C.O. in Edmond and works part time.

She is the granddaughter of Mr. & Mrs. Millard Scott, of Greens Ferry, AR. and Mr & Mrs. Bob Boulter of Oklahoma City.



Boulter and Smith

Election Board

The following registered precinct voters need to contact the Muscogee (Creek) Nation election board office at (918) 732- 7684.

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Abel, Margaret Alice	Bear, Birdie Lee	Booth, David Anthony	Canard, Mary Gwyn	Dan, Demetrice Larose	Ellis, Susan Deann	Fraser, William Lamey	Halford, Vicki Lynn
Adams, Gary Wayne	Bear, Clara Christine	Bowen, Hazel May	Carmona, Lorraine M.	Dan, Jacquelyn Marie	Ellis, Willie	Frazier, Sandra Jean	Halium, Nellie G
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Adkins, Johnnie Mae	Bear, Ivan Eugene	Branch, John Billy	Camell, Mary	Dan, Nora Jean	Emerson, Stephen	Fry, Roley	Hall, Mary Ann
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Akers, Thomas	Bear, Lonetta Sue	Breedlove, Patricia D.	Carter, Brenda Lee	Dan, Willie Leugene	Ervin, Louella Ann	Frye, Janice	Hanna, Deanne Lou
Archer, Claude Morton	Bear, Loretta Jane	Bricker, Virgil Dean	Carpenter, Jeanne	Davis, Carolyn	Ervin, Marie Ann	Frye, Robert	Hardin, David Ray
Alexander, Anita Kay	Bear, Marvin Bruce	Brison, Randal Roy	Cash, Paula Jean	Davis, Christopher Lee	Erwin, Helen	Frye, Samuel Emarthle	Hardridge, Benjamin D.
Alexander, John Sr.	Bear, Naomi Lee	Britt, Sharon Gaye	Cazenave, Jacquelyn T.	Davis, Dale Spencer	Escoe, Emery	Frye, William	Harjo, Betsy Lorene
Alexander, Rick R.	Bear, Sheila Denise	Britt, Gary Wayne	Chalakee, Fannie Mae	Davis, Dortha Mae	Eslick, Darlene E.	Gambler, Quinn A.	Harjo, Betty
Allen, Kendall Trent	Bear, Wyiquita Renee	Brown, Alice	Chalakee, Mary E.	Davis, Jackie Floyd	Eslick, Jeremiah Miller	Gambler, Wade Martin	Harjo, Billy Jean
Alley, Wilma Gene	Beaver, Cora Ann	Brown, Barbara Jane	Chalakee, Thomas L.	Davis, Kogee Marie	Eslick, Joseph Neal	Garland, Juanita Gail	Harjo, Bruce Allen
Anderson, Darren E.	Beaver, John Ross	Brown, Betty Jean	Chamberlain, Marion P.	Davis, Mack Jr.	Estep, Lisa Marie	Gaston, Walter Prentis	Harjo, Charles Wallace
Anderson, Derrick E.	Beaver, Mark Steven	Brown, Cynthia Sue	Chapman, Leona	Davis, Pamela Gail	Ewens, Mildred L.	Gay, Charlene Denise	Harjo, Elmer Jr.
Anderson, Elizabeth N.	Beaver, Mitchell Byar	Brown, Dane Ray	Chapman, Robyn M.	Davis, Pamela Kay	Ewton, Andrew Martin	Gay, Eva Ruth	Harjo, Elmer Lee Jr.
Anderson, Gregory G.	Beaver, Sally Jo	Brown, Eugene	Chastain, David Lee	Davis, Roy Lee	Evans, Barbara Jean	Gentry, Michael L.	Harjo, Eugene
Anderson, Herod James	Beaver, Sheldon Ray	Brown, Felicia Faye	Checotah, Daniel Ray	Davis, Stanley Jerome	Factor, Mose Joe	Ghobadi, Marcia Jane	Harjo, Floyd Wayne
Anderson, Karen Lynn	Beaver, Ward Allen Sr.	Brown, Franklin Eddie	Checotah, Everett	Day, Chowela Danie	Factor, Nancy Jean	Gibbons, Gale Jane	Harjo, Glenn Dale
Anderson, Robert Otis	Beard, Henry James	Brown, Fredrick Elliot	Checotah, Etta Marie	Dear, Wendy Renee	Fairchilds, Kenneth J.	Gibson, Bonnie Evelyn	Harjo, Helen Marie
Anderson, Rollie Lynn	Beene, Jesse Don	Brown, Jacqueline	Checotah, Roman	Deer, Marilyn Sue	Feeling, Mary Neil	Gibson, Bobbie Jean	Harjo, Jack Lee
Anderson, Robert M.	Bell, Martha Sue	Brown, Lydia Ann	Checotah, Vickie Lynn	Deere, Aurelia Jan	Feeling, Stella Faye	Gibson, Jimmy Roy	Harjo, Jerry Lee
Anderson, Susan	Bemo, Anna Mae	Brown, Marcus Jerome	Cheek, Kristie Ann	Deere, Edwin Joe	Felix, Daniel Kent	Gibson, Nina Esther	Harjo, Jimmy Lee
Anderson, William Ray	Benally Eli Hosteen	Brown, Monte Eugene	Cheek, Tim Wayne	Deere, Enid Lynne	Felix, David Gerald	Gibson, Regina Jeanine	Harjo, Joyce Elaine
Antelope, Yvonne	Ben, Betty Jo	Brown, Nicole Diane	Cheek, Weaver Wesley	Deere, Louise	Felix, Garry Lee	Giles, Thomas E. Jr.	Harjo, Johnny Lee
Armstrong, WynonaSue	Benson, Kevan Ray	Brown, Randall Cordell	Cherry, Della Jane	Deere, Sallie	Ferguson, Cherokee C.	Gilyard, Ella Lorraine	Harjo, Joshua Amos
Arpoika, Brad Lee	Bernard, Bernadine	Brown, Regina Ann	Chesser, Natalie Dawn	Deere, Samuel Ray	Ferguson, Ester Marie	Gilroy, Joseph Ray	Harjo, Karen Kaye
Arpoika, Lenda Fay	Bernard, Louvina Jane	Brown, Roy Robert	Chisholm, Linda Sue	Deere, Tom Dean	Fields, Albert John	Ginn, Kim Frances	Harjo, Lenora Sue
Asbury, Donnie	Bernard, Ruby Lee	Brown, Timothy Ray	Chisholm, Nancy U.	Deere, Wilson	Fields, Alexander W.	Givens, Agnes Marie	Harjo, Leonard Joe
Aten, Selena Jean	Bernard, William P.	Brownfield, Fredrick II	Chotkey, Billy	Deerinwater, Lee Ann	Fields, Brandi Lecher	Givens, Donna	Harjo, Mary Ann
Atkins, Carlos Wayne	Berry, John Wesley	Brossett, Mary Evelyn	Chupco, Sammy Don	Deerinwater, Lisa Ann	Fields, Frankie Star	Givens, Jessie	Harjo, Nelson J.
Atkins, Paula Elaine	Berry, Lanita Lynn	Bruner, Albert	Cindle, Randy Allen	Deereinwater Rosalie	Fields, Judy Melissa	Givens, Lenoa	Harjo, Newman Jr.
Atterberry, Martina Jo	Berryhill, Aaron Easton	Bruner, Amy	Clark, Michael Allan	Deems, Lisa Ann	Fish, Dale Frazier	Givens, Melody Misty	Harjo, Norman Alex
Aultman, Christopher	Berryhill, Allen Duel	Bruner, Beatrice C.	Clay, Sharon Ranette	Demmitt, Danny M.	Fish, Elmer	Givens, Michael Joe	Harjo, Patsy Clara
Aultman, Julie Michille	Berryhill, Anderson III	Bruner, Billye Jo	Cloon, Verma Lee	Denton, Steven Lewis	Fish, Leonard Wayne	Glasgow, Doris Marie	Harjo, Ryan Bradley
Aynes, Sandra Fay	Berryhill, Chubby Riely	Bruner, Deborah Kaye	Coachman, Joseph	Deo, Daniel Nokose	Fish, Lucinda Lynn	Gobin, Tanya Sue	Harjo, Robert Michael
Ballard, Gena Gay	Berryhill, Eric Franklin	Bruner, Elsie Mae	Coates, Dennis	Deo, Wallace	Fisher, Brenda Joyce	Goines, Dovie	Hajro, Roberta Kay
Baldrige, ShawnDavid	Berryhill, Eugene Rex	Bruner, James Lee	Coates, Ruby Anne	Dill, Martana Kaye	Fisher, Charles Gene	Golden, Mark Tahmar	Harjo, Sandra Elaine
Bannister, Margaret E.	Berryhill, Gino Robert	Bruner, Leslie Edward	Coker, Elizabeth	Dixon, Barbara Elouise	Fisher, Christopher N.	Golden, StephanieAline	Harjo, Sheila Lynn
Banks, Rena Kaye	Berryhill, Janice	Bruner, Louvina Marie	Colbert, Gary Lee	Dixon, Gregory Ben	Fisher, Clement Weldon	Goudeau, Freddie	Harjo, Stanley Eugene
Baker, Leon	Berryhill, Jim Thrope	Bruner, Nora Jane	Colbert, Leah Jean	Dobson, Hal Turner	Fisher, Ina	Gouge, Charles Allen	Harjo, Stanley Lee
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Barnes, Barney Lee	Bible, Sharalee	Buck, Alice Eugenia	Coon, Bonita Kay	Dowling, Stanley Earl	Fixico, Helen	Gray, Jacqueline	Harjo, Woodrow
Barnett, Benny George	Bigpond, Negiel Sr.	Buck, Alicia Lynnette	Coonhead, Cheryl	Dowling, Zenas T. Jr.	Fixico, Kenneth Lee	Grayson, Bamabas H.	Harley, Wilma Faye
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Barnett, Eddie	Billie, Dianna Lynn	Buck, Renee	Cooper, Jennie Marie	Doyle, Kevin Brett	Fixico, Minnie E.	Grayson, Robert III	Harper, Luann
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		Canard, David Paul	Damet, Charles Michael	Edwards, Joe John	Francis, Terry Lee	Haley, Tony Brett	Hawkins, Ronald Lee

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Haynes, Lewis Thomas	Hughes, Rosie Lee	Kelly, Cynthia Ann	Leybas, Waddie Albert	McGirt, Nicholas	Munds, Nancy Kaye	Price, Tammy Rene	Sizemore, Howard W.
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Heneha, Norman Jason	Isham, Susan Marie	Kindell, Wilma Darlene	Littlehead, Matthew J.	McIntosh, Sa-Tae Seth	Nelson, William David	Quinton, Jerry Duane	Smith, Pauline
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Hicks, Charlie Joe	Jackson, Janet Marie	Kirkland, William H.	Long, Starla Renea	Meashintubby, Mat-	Nixon, Crystal Jean	Reynolds, Charlene	Stapp, May Ellen
Hicks, Diana Denise	Jackson, Jeffrey Jon	Knight, Bobby Joe	Long, Timothy George	thew	Nixon, Freddy Lee	Reynolds, Charles Joe	Starkey, Joyce Kay
Hicks, Ella Mae	Jackson, Lora Ann	Koch, Paul Brandon	Longcrier, Jerry Wade	Medlock, Shirley Ann	Nixon, Jimmy Alton	Reynolds, Cindy Lynn	Starr, Patsy Lynn
Hicks, Francis S.	Jackson, Raymond	Koch, Stephanie Janeen	Longcrier, Matthew C.	Meeks, Jake Benjamin	Nixon, Kelly Jean	Reynolds, Herman	Starr, Reuben Leroy
Hicks, George Dutch	Jacobs, Christopher	Kouplen, Sean Paul	Lonsdale, Alicia Lynn	Meeks, Wanda Lucille	Nixon, Sherri Ann	Reynolds, Hiram S.	Stauffer, Carolyn
Hicks, Liza Mae	Jacobs, Mary Elizabeth	Kouplen, Shanna K.	Looney, Barton	Melson, William A.	Nixon, Steve Ray	Richards, Wesley Lee	Stephens, Carolyn
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Hicks, Roy	Jacobs, Stephen	Krank, Lottie Ann	Lowe, Aaron Cody	Meriman, Lou Wanda	Nix, Robert Stephen	Riddle, Glenda Gayle	Stephens, Michael
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Hill, Sonja Ann	Jimboy, Edna Mae	Lamberson, Ronald Joe	Luellen, William R.	Miller, Gwendolyn Sue	O'Hern, John David	Rippy, Sheila Marie	Stroble, Vernon Lee
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Hiner, Stanley Lewis	Johnson, Cy Oseloa Jr.	Lasater, James Edward	Manley, Hillis Eugene	Miller, Thomas Ray	Owens, Kellie Remai	Sala, Bobby Ray	Sutton, Kay Penny
Hobia, Crystal R.	Johnson, George Wiley	Laughlin, Audie James	Manley, Noah Eugene	Mitchell, Thomas	Owens, Loretta Jean	Sala, Miles Vincent	Syblon, Alice Kaye
Hobia, Wilburn Louis	Johnson, Jane Lanell	Laughlin, Christine R.	Manley, Robert Wayne	Mitchell, Wilford	Owens, Tona Ann	Sanders, Virgil	Tabbytite, Shawn
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Hodge, Daniel Ray	Johnson, Joseph I.	Layman, Gwenevere	Mannon, Robert Lynn	Monahwee, Michael J.	Patterson, Mason Guy	Sands, Robert Lemley	Taylor, Johnnie Lee
Hodge, Richard R.	Johnson, Karen M.	Leader, Jesse James	Marcinkevicius, Misty	Monahwee, Solomon	Patterson, Traci Lanae	Sarty Ned, Dee Jr.	Taylor, Lanesia Lavette
Holata, Jamie Ernestine	Johnson, Lee Otis	Leaf, Stephanie	Marshall, Barbara Ann	Monahwee, Yommie L.	Patterson, Trellas Kaye	Satawake, Donna Faye	Taylor, Mark Allen
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Holmes, Harvey	Johnson, Michael A. Sr.	Lee, Audra Samantha	Marshall, Polly Francis	Montgomery, Marcus	Pern, Raylene	Scott, Jacqueline Jae	Thetford, Cytha Lou
Holmes, Hazel Viola	Johnson, Sarah	Lee, Billy Gene	Marshall, Richard Allen	M o n t g o m e r y ,	Perryman, Olivia Jean	Scott, Jerry Kevin	Thomas, Brandon Y.
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Holt, Cherry Mable	Johnson, Solomon Lee	Lee, Janice Fay	Martin, Karen Denise	Montoya, Lilly C.	Pharaoh, Danie Lynn	Scott, Louise	Thomas, Thomas Lee
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Hooper, Anita Jean	Jones, Bobby Ray	Lee, Sherdel	Mayes, Jerry Wayne	Moore, Levi Solomon	Phillips, Deborah	Scruggs, Barbara Sue	Thompson, Geraldine
Hopkins, Tommie L.	Jones, Brian Daniel	Lee, William Dean	Mayes, Thomas	Morgan, Eddie	Phillips, Richard Broson	Sealy, Clifford C. Jr.	Thompson, Paulette
Hopkins, Vickie Louise	Jones, Ed Alvin	Lee, William Rocky	Mayes, Wanda Sue	Morgan, Elmo Jr.	Pigeon, Billy Ray	Seber, Delores Ann	Thompson, Richard T.
Horn, Mollie Faye	Jones, Fred	Lee, Winey	McAtee, David Lynn	Morgan, Emanuel	Pigeon, Priscilla Lynn	Seber, Sonya Gail	Thompson, Shirley
Horse, Sophia Denise	Jones, Harriett	Leek, Michelle Lynn	McCaslin, Janie Birdie	Morgan, James	Pigeon, Tuffie Silas	Sakayouma, Steven K.	Thompson, Stephen A.
Horton, Lewis Van	Jones, Jackie Sue	Leftwich, Kimberly R.	McChristian, Mary Sue	Morgan, James Glenn	Pike, Pamela Rebecca	Sharp, Andrew Jason	Tibbs, Nancy Iwonna
Houx, Amy Shonta	Jones, Jennifer Lynn	Leftwich, Link Tim	McChristian, Michael	Morgan, Patricia Ann	Pinion, Kevin Lee	Shatswell, Donna Lee	Tice, Rosette Mane
Houx, Connie Sue	Jones, Patsy Ruth	Lemmons, Jeri Lynn	McCutcheon, Jeffery S.	Morgan, Pauline	Pittman, Chester Lee Jr.	Shinpoch, Tricia M.	Tiger, Christine M.
Howell, Barry Wade	Jones, Ruth Mae	Lenard, Angela M.	McClish, John Paul II	Morgan, Raymond Lee	Pittman, Elmer Haskell	Shipley, Elizabeth Kaye	Tiger, George Palmer
Howell, Donald Ray	Jones, Samuel Leroy	Lenard, Linda Darlene	McCombs, Perry	Morgan, Richard Dale	Pittman, Felicia Medina	Shipley, Marjorie Jean	Tiger, Lillian
Howell, Phillip D.	Jones, Timothy Adam	Lenard, Nicholas Don	McConnell, Robert D.	Morgan, Richard	Pittman, Walter L.	Shoemake, Betty Alene	Tiger, Michael Andrew
Howerton, Michelle R.	Josie, Rodney	Lewis, Clem H.	McCoy, Clarence R.	Morgan, Russell M.	Posey, Bill	Showman, Shirley Ann	Tiger, Noah
Huddart, Betty Beatrice	Joyner, Delores Jean	Lewis, Evelyn Rachael	McCutchen, Becki J.	Morgan, Todd Howitt	Posey, Eloise Kay	Shropshire, Tamara	Tiger, Terry Lynn
Huddleston, Billy W.	July, Florence Marie	Lewis, Eric Todd	McCutchen, Nellie Mae	Morris, Rachel Suzanne	Postoak, Johnny Gene	Simmons, Pamela Gay	Tilley, Emmitt Gene
Huffman, Kevin Brent	Kaler, Donna Darlene	Lewis, Frances Kay	McGeeley, Alyssa Jo	Morrow, Floyd A. Jr.	Powell, Cameron	Simmons, Tootie	Tilley, Tracy Alvin
Huffman, Shauna Ruth	Kamp, Frank Edward	Lewis, Garfield Jackson	McGeeley, Doris	Morrow, William L.	Powell, Karen June	Simpson, Addie	Tilley, Thomas Eugene
Hurst, Donna Kaye	Keele, Earl Clayton Jr.	Lewis, Gerald Gene	McGeely, Louis	Morton, Howard Lee Jr.	Powell, Tonia	Simpson, Doris	Tilley, Zelva Lee
Hull, Myrl	Keele, Janet Leigh	Lewis, Jerry	McGirt, Brian Ray	Morton, Lee Elliott	Powers, Muriel Marie	Simpson, Richard	Timothy, Gene Lee

# Spotlight

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## Creek Girl Does the Irish Jig

by Gerald Wofford

It's not unusual to go to Native American events where, let's be honest, not all the participants are really Native Americans. A sad but realistic circumstance may occur where Native American Art is displayed, or perhaps a cultural American Indian dance is performed and the justifiable credentials are just not there. Hollywood has also been one of the major culprits in its cinematic history, often relying on other nationalities to portray an indigenous North American role.

So what if a female Native American partakes in an event that totally belongs to another culture and is really good at it. So good in fact, that she competes for a World Championship.

Muscogee (Creek) Citizen Sarah Hill has done just that. Recently, Hill qualified for the World Championships of Irish Dancing held in Dublin, Ireland this month. The official title of the qualifying event was the Southern Region OIREACHTAS, (pronounced OR-AUK-TUS) which is Irish for competition. The event was held in Norfolk, Virginia in December of last year.

Even though Irish dancing is not what you would call traditional Muscogee, it is something the 21 year old has always wanted to try. "Since the age of eleven, I have been involved with dancing, and I have always loved it," says Hill proudly.

Hill has studied other forms of dancing, such as jazz, tap and modern ballet. But it was by chance that she became introduced to Irish dancing. "When I was 16, I was at the library and I saw this flyer that said Summer Irish Dancing Lessons and I didn't know what Irish Dancing was," admits Hill. "So the classes weren't very far away, so I decided to go. And I have been going ever since. I never gave up."

And like many traditional Native American dances, Irish Dancing requires proper teaching to be passed down from the proper teachers, otherwise it is not certified as legitimate. Although Hill had learned the basics of Irish Dancing and could dance in parades, and other public exhibitions, she was not allowed to compete unless trained by a certified Irish dance instructor. Hill wanted to go further, she liked the style and wanted to prove herself as a good Irish dancer. But there was not yet a certified Irish Dancer in the area or region, but then Hill got the luck of the Irish. "About two years ago, a certified Irish Dance Teacher by the name of Maureen McTegor Hall, who had 8 schools in the United States, decided to add Oklahoma as an area to teach. I immediately got in touch with her," explains Hill.

Hill says the common perception about Irish Dancing is that it is often thought of as the popular River Dancing. But the resident from Stroud says their is a huge difference. "You know how Ballet has Broadway shows like the Nut-

cracker and Swan Lake. That's what river dancing is to Irish dancing. It's a show, it is Irish Dancing. But it is not the same as a competition." Hill explains that the steps that are required at competitions and are technically much harder to do. "It's harder to get a lot of people doing a lot of different steps as opposed to River Dancing where a lot of people are doing the exact same steps."

Hill also explains the required steps in a competition, such as the *Jig* and the *Hornpipe*. "In the competition I qualified for in Norfolk, Virginia, I had to compete in a reel and a hornpipe. A reel is a soft-shoe dance and a hornpipe is a

hard-shoe dance. That's how it goes in competition, one soft-shoe, one hard-shoe. If you get a recall, which means your score was high enough for you to go further in the competition, you would do a set-dance, which is a hard-shoe dance. That's how it is at qualifying tournaments, such as the regional competitions, but at other regular competitions you can compete in as many dances as you want."

Hill can boast that she is the only Native American woman involved with Irish Dancing on a World Championship level. She says that she has seen only one African American Woman involved with Irish Dancing, but has never seen other Nationalities involved, such as Asians or Hispanics.

The official Irish name of the Championships is *Oireachtas Rince Na Cruinne*, which is pronounced Or-uk-tus Reen-ka Na Kreen-a. It means *Competition Dance of the Best*.

Hill left for Ireland on Wednesday, April 7. Of course, Hill is excited to be visiting a foreign land and will certainly take advantage of it. "After the competition, I am going to spend some time touring because its just so awesome," said Hill excitedly. "I'll be able to see famous people I've only seen in videos and pictures. After that my family is just going to explore the whole country. We are renting two cars and just see everything we can in one week."

Hill's mother and father are Brenda O'Neil and Riley Hill. Riley will be staying home, but Hill's mother, along with her grandparents, Ron and Shirley Murphen, sister Rebecca, uncle Jim Richards, and boyfriend Steven Baker, will be making the trip.

Hill plans to one day become a certified teacher in Irish Dancing and creating her own dance studio. She says that the Irish community has taken quite well to seeing a Muscogee (Creek) girl doing a traditional Irish dance. "They Irish community are very accepting, they love it, they really do," says Hill. "They like seeing a new face with a different perspective on Irish Dancing. Everyone involved with Irish Dancing is all about spreading Irish Dancing. Its for the love of dancing and for just one more person, just one culture to add to that is just wonderful."



Sarah Hill displays the proper stance in her solo dress in order to perform the *Rince* (REENKA) of Irish Dancing photo by Gerald Wofford

# Housing Authority offers various housing programs

OKMULGEE — The Housing Authority of the Creek Nation (HACN) has various programs designed to help eligible Muscogee (Creek) Citizens obtain safe, efficient, and affordable living conditions.

As one of the largest Indian housing authorities in the nation, HACN maintains over 1100 home ownership units and approximately 300 rental units. HACN provides services to Muscogee (Creek) people and realize that the housing need is significant. HACN continues to try to meet the ever growing need by providing housing opportunities through Home Ownership, Rental, and Modernization Programs. One of HACN’s main goals is to inform Creek citizens about the programs offered and to show results of HACN’s ongoing progress.

## HOUSING PROGRAMS

### HOME OWNERSHIP

The Lease with Option to Purchase Program offers Native American families affordable housing with an opportunity for home ownership.

When participating in the Lease with Option to Purchase Program, the homebuyer enters into a lease agreement with HACN and agrees to meet all financial and maintenance obligations as stated in the lease. Upon meeting all the financial obligations required by the Lease With Option to Purchase agreement, the home becomes sole property of the homebuyer.



### LOW RENT

The Rental Housing Program provides low cost rental housing in the cities of Okmulgee, Okemah, Checotah, and Eufaula. Overall, HACN has a total of over 300 living units with each rental site having approximately 75 units (duplexes). The Rental program is presently renovating over 25 units at Okmulgee and plan approximately 20 more renovations at the other rental site locations in the near future.



### MODERNIZATION

The Modernization of Privately Owned Homes Program is designed to provide safe, sanitary housing to eligible tribal citizens of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation through housing rehabilitation.



Specific items covered under this program are those that affect health and safety, handicap accessibility, and basic structural soundness. General maintenance or cosmetic repairs are not included under the program.

To participate in the maintenance program, applicants must show proof of ownership and documentation of occupancy for three years prior to date of application.

All eligible houses must be within the boundaries of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation.

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

**How do I know if I am eligible for any services?** Although each program has its own specific requirements here are some of the basic eligibility requirements.

- Qualify as a family.
- Have an annual family income that meets the income requirements as defined in the policy.
- Be 21 years of age or older.
- Provide all requested information, Tribal membership card, Social Security cards, and employment verification for each working family member.
- Agree in writing to participate and fully cooperate in the housing authority’s counseling and training for the home ownership programs.
- Sign all required forms including the consent for disclosure of information.

### How do I apply for services?

Each applicant wishing to participate in any HACN program must first submit a signed and dated written application to the HACN Housing Management Department for processing according to specific program eligibility requirements.

### Do I have to live within the Creek Nation boundaries to be eligible for services?

All HACN program services are administered within the Creek Nation boundaries.

### How long is the waiting period for the Home Ownership Program?

Generally 3 to 5 years. That period may be affected by your choice of location for housing.

### Do I have to already own land to be eligible for a new home?

New construction houses are built on either land acquired by HACN or on land donated by the client.

### Does HACN provide any home repair services?

HACN provides housing rehabilitation through the Maintenance of Privately Owned Homes Program. Items included are: items affecting health and safety, handicap accessibility, energy efficiency, and basic structural soundness.

### How can I get more information about these programs?

For more information, contact: Housing Authority of the Creek Nation; P.O. Box 297; Okmulgee, OK 74447 or (918) 756-8504 or 1-800-259-5050.

### Housing Authority of the Creek Nation 2004 Program Activity Report

HOME OWNERSHIP PROGRAM		Fiscal Year starting Oct 03					
	FEB 04	JAN 04	DEC 03	NOV 03	OCT 03	YTD	
APPLICATIONS							
RECEIVED	15	10	14	5	13	42	
APPROVED	8	9	1	3	9	22	
HOUSED	—	5	—	15	1	21	

Source: HACN Monthly Reports

HOUSING DEVELOPMENT		Fiscal Year starting Oct 03				
	FEB 04	JAN 04	DEC 03	NOV 03	OCT 03	YTD
ACQUISITION PROGRAM						
HOUSES PURCHASED	5	1	—	3	1	12
HOUSES APPROVED FOR PURCHASE	6	6	—	—	—	12
NEW CONSTRUCTION						
UNITS COMPLETED	—	—	9	—	—	9
STES COMPLETED/PURCHASED	10	—	—	—	—	13
TURNKEY PROJECT UNITS	70 Pending					

Source: HACN Monthly Reports

NAHASDA HOME MAINTENANCE PROGRAM			Fiscal Year starting Oct 03			
	FEB 04	JAN 04	DEC 03	NOV 03	OCT 03	YTD
CONSTRUCTION SERVICES						
APPLICATIONS REC'D (Private homes)	7	6	8	3	5	29
WORK ORDERS RECEIVED	25	41	30	34	34	164
Total Patches	4	6	4	7	13	34
Minor Repairs	27	35	34	27	63	186
SCOPE OF WORK COMPLETED	24	34	26	29	62	175
FINAL INSPECTIONS COMPLETED	58	41	33	40	30	202
PERIOD ACCOUNT (Minor Repairs)	Note: Jobs received may contain multiple tasks					
JOBS RECEIVED	69	116	79	80	71	415
JOBS COMPLETED	53	96	67	95	57	368
PLUMBING	49	105	59	57	81	351
CONSTRUCTION	19	22	21	22	19	123

Source: HACN Monthly Reports

LOW RENT PROGRAM		Units occupied per site during February 2004				
	Okemah	Checotah	Eufaula	Glenah	TOTAL	
UNITS OCCUPIED PER SITE	60	37	31	33	161	
UNITS UNDER REPAIR	46	22	16	30	114	
UNITS COMPLETED	18	9	—	—	27	

Source: HACN Monthly Reports

## Creek Nation Festival 2004 schedule of events, entry fee and application deadlines

OKMULGEE — The Creek Nation Festival will be held June 18 through 20 at the Claude Cox Omniplex.

All entry fees should be paid by cashier's check or money order unless otherwise stated.

### Junior Olympics

The junior Olympics will begin at 7:30 a.m., June 20 at the Harmon stadium.

The deadline for registration is May 21. Volunteers are needed for this event.

For more information contact Anthony Harjo or April Welsh at 732-7869.

### All Indian Rodeo

The Rodeo will be held June 18 and 19 starting at 8:00 nightly. Entry Fees are \$60 for all events, \$120 for team roping, and \$20 for Junior events.

Prizes will be \$500 for senior events, added nightly, \$1,000 for team roping, added nightly, and \$100 for jr. events, added nightly.

### Pageantry

The Muscogee (Creek) Nation JOM Program is coordinating the Muscogee Nation Scholarship pageant. Senior Misses and Little Miss Mvskoke pageant events will be held at 10 a.m., June 5 in the Okmulgee High School Auditorium. Miss Mvskoke and junior miss Mvskoke pageant events will be held at 7 p.m., June 3 in the mound.

The age groups for all categories are miss Mvskoke, ages 17 to 22 and must be a high school graduate; junior miss, ages 14 to 17; senior misses, ages 55 years and older, little miss division I, ages four to six; division II, ages seven to nine; division III, ages 10 to 13.

Participants must be at least 1/4 Muscogee (Creek).

Prizes include: miss Mvskoke — \$2,500, crown, and trophy; runner-up receives \$500 and a plaque; junior miss — \$500, crown, and trophy; runner-up will receive \$125 and plaque; senior misses — \$500, trophy, and crown; runner-up will receive \$125 and plaque; little miss — all three divisions receive \$100, trophy, and crown; each division runner-up will receive \$25 and plaque.

The deadline date for applications is May 3 by 5 p.m. For more information, contact Virginia Thomas at (918) 732-7839 or 1-800-482-1979.

There will be a reception after all new Princesses have been elected in the Mound June 17 so that the public may meet them.

### Festival Food and Arts and Crafts Vendors

Omniplex booth space rental fees for vendors are: \$125 for food and arts and crafts are \$40 without electric and \$60 with electric.

Space location is secured through payment of rental fees and will be granted on a first-come-first-serve basis. Make entry fee payable to "Creek Nation Festival committee."

For more information contact: Melinda Taylor at 732-7727.

### Gospel singing

The Gospel singing will be located at the OSU Extension Building, at 7 p.m. at the Okmulgee County Fair Grounds.

Approximately 15 minutes, enough time for three songs, will be allotted to each group or soloist. Key board, cd/tape player, and drums will be provided. Five microphones will also be available. Please provide your own guitar.

Deadline for all singers to register is June 4, 2004. You will be notified of when you perform. Food will be served after 9:00 p.m. and concession will be available.

For more information please contact Thompson Gouge at 732-7711.

### Stomp Dance

Stompdance will be held Thursday in front of the stage area at the Omniplex. A fellowship dinner will be held from 6 p.m to 7:30 p.m. with the stompdance to follow.

For more information please contact David Proctor at 756-8504.

### Archery

For more information please contact Johnny Hicks at 732-7788.

### Volley Ball

The Volley Ball Tournament is Saturday, June 19. It starts at 8 a.m. and runs until it is finished.

For more information please contact Jenna Gouge at 732-7897.

### Men & Women's Fast Pitch

Men's and Women's fastpitch will begin on June 18. The nonrefundable entry fee is \$175.00 in the form of a cashier's check or money order payable to the Creek Nation Festival. Deadline for entries is June 4, 2004. The tournament is limited to 24 Men and 16 Women's teams. All participants must be an enrolled member of a federally recognized tribe (enrollment proof of each team member required).

For more information contact Ruby Booker at rbooker@muscogeenation-nsn.gov or 1-800-482-1979, ext. 7927.

### Co-Ed Slow Pitch

Co-Ed slow pitch softball tournament will be starting Friday night. The nonrefundable entry fee is \$165. Awards will be given to first through fourth place teams and individual awards also. Balls will be provided.

For more information contact Victor Bear at 732-7679

### Elderly Activities

Elderly activities will be held June 19th from 9 until noon at the Fair Grounds building. They will include horse shoes, dominoes, archery, and 10 games of Bingo. Lunch will be provided. Also there will be an Elder's county fair, with competitions in clothing, crafts, baked goods, art, canned goods, traditional foods, and quilts. For more information please contact Pearl Thomas at 732-7876

Afterwards there will be a ceremony starting at 2 p.m. and running until 4 p.m. to honor our last original allottee, Ms. Martha Berryhill.

For more information on this please contact Donna Martin, at 732-7973.

### Golf Tournament

A Golf tournament will be held on June 18 through 20 at Cobblestone Creek in Muscogee.

A scramble will begin on June 18 with registration at noon and tournament start time will be 1 p.m. Saturday players are responsible for scheduling tee times. On Sunday there will be a 8 a.m. shotgun start.

For more information or to register please contact Bret Hayes at 756-3334 ext 286.

### Concerts

The concerts are scheduled to begin on Friday, June 18 at 6:00 with the following performers: Bad Water; Don White; Brian Parton; and Nashville Rebels. The headliner will be announced at a later date.

Saturday's performers will be: Medicine Pony; Red Rhythm Band; Uptown Horns; Scott Ellison; Jimmy "Junior" Markham; and Chris Zalez. Chief Ellis is scheduled to speak at 7:00 p.m. For more information, contact Ruth Bible at (918) 732-7640.

### Horseshoe Tournament

A horseshoe tournament will be held on June 19 with registration beginning at 8 a.m. Entry fee will be \$12 per person, per event.

Bring your own horseshoes. No modified shoes will be allowed. Select your own partner; double elimination, best 2 out of 3 to 21 points (players keep score); scoring: ringers – 3; close or leaners – 1; women & men's seniors (62 & older) have the option to throw 30' or 40' – all others throw 40 feet.

Awards: 1st place 40% of intake; 2nd place 20% of intake; and 3rd place will be 15% of intake. For more information contact Larry Soweka at (918) 758-1018 ext 11.

### 5K Run or Walk

The 5K run/walk will be on June 19 at the Muscogee Nation Tribal Complex. Entry fee through June 18 is \$15 or \$20 on race day (includes t-shirt) or \$10 without t-shirt.

Limited number of shirts available. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. and the race begins at 8:00 a.m. Water will be provided. For more information contact Lila Garrett at 732-7862 or 732-7869.

### Celebration of Traditional Mvskoke Arts

OKMULGEE – For the first time the Creek Council House is working with the Creek Nation Festival to celebrate the traditional Mvskoke arts. On June 19 adults can enjoy a juried traditional art competition, master artist show and sale, and Dawes Commission Cards Symposium while children can be a rabbit or turtle in an interactive storytelling workshop, learn Pow Wow and Stomp dances, play a game of stickball, or make a clay pot, cane basket, or beaded bracelet to take home. For more information contact the museum at 756-2324.

## Sixth Annual American Indian Elders Conference

OKLAHOMA CITY — The Sixth Annual Indian Elders Conference, “Renewing the Spirit,” will be held June 1 through 3 at the Biltmore Hotel.

The conference will celebrate and honor the strong spirit of our Elders as they willingly explore new pathways for better health and continuously set positive examples for generations to follow. Outstanding elders who represent various tribes throughout Oklahoma will be recognized and honored for their positive accomplishments and contributions. Conference topics include: health and wellness, cancer, diabetes, healthy cooking with commodities, arthritis, exercise and fitness alternatives. The registration fee is \$35 and includes admission to the 2004 Outstanding Elders Ceremony and dinner.

Registration brochures are available by mail or you can visit our website at [www.ou.edu/aai](http://www.ou.edu/aai) and download forms.

For more information on conference registration, scholarships, exhibit/vendor space, conference support and Outstanding Elder Nomination Forms, please contact: Sue Fish at [sfish@ou.edu](mailto:sfish@ou.edu); Ramona Moore at [rwahpepah@ou.edu](mailto:rwahpepah@ou.edu); University of Oklahoma at (800) 522-0772, ext. 4127; or K. Denise Smith at [karole.smith@mail.ihs.gov](mailto:karole.smith@mail.ihs.gov) or (888) 275-4886 ext. 348.

## All Nations Indian Bowling Tournament

OKLAHOMA CITY — There will be a Native American Bowling Tournament June 5 and 6 at Holiday Lanes in Oklahoma City.

The entry fee for the tournament is \$20 and each bowler must have a current ABC/WIBC card or pay a \$5.00 participation fee. Each participant is required to bowl in both the singles and doubles events.

For more information contact: Colleen Larney at (405) 720-0811; Alma Johnson at (405) 275-5466; Gloria Factor at (405) 677-6356; or Jim Edwards at (918) 742-1549.

## Church celebrates 100th anniversary

ARBEKA — The members of the Arbeka Indian Baptist Church are celebrating the church’s 100 Year anniversary on May 22.

Services will start at approximately 10:00 a.m. A message will be brought by Rev. Homer Lee Emarthle. The Church history will be read with singing to follow. Lunch will be served with a full day of fellowship planned.

Everyone is invited to come and take part in this celebration.

## National Indian Taco Championships

PAWHUSKA — The Pawhuska Heritage Day will be held May 15 and as its signature contest is a National Indian Taco Champion cook-off which is expected to draw contestants from the whole United States.

Entry fee is \$10 or for \$5 a person can sign up to be one of the judges of the competition. In addition to the Indian taco contestants, there will be several arts and crafts vendors.

Admission to the event is free. The contest will be held at Pawhuska Culture Park at the intersection of U. S. Highway 60 and Lynn Avenue.

## Sequoyah High School to hold annual alumni reunion

SEQUOYAH — Sequoyah High School is hosting their 58th Annual Alumni Reunion April 30 through May 2.

Friday begins with a silent auction from 5:30 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. in the Cherokee Nation Ballroom. Items to be auctioned may include: silver jewelry, blankets, quilts, pillows, purses, totebags, dolls, baskets, pottery, beaded items, t-shirts, art work, frames, ribbon shirts, tear dresses, and other items. The public is invited and admission is free.

Saturday's events will begin with food, and stories of fond memories. Sunday Morning Services will be held as closure for the reunion. For more information contact Wanda Jones at (918) 458-1858.

## Head Start accepting applications

OKMULGEE — The Muscogee (Creek) Nation Head Start Program is now accepting applications for the 2004–2005 school year.

Along with your application, you will need to bring verification of income, social security card, birth certificate, citizenship or CDIB card, and an immunization card.

Applications can be picked up at the head starts in: Checotah, Eufaula, Okmulgee, Tulsa, Wilson, Yeager, and Yardeka.

## Red Cloud Indian Art Show

PINE RIDGE, SD — The Red Cloud Indian Art Show is going on June 6 through August 14. Any tribally enrolled individuals can enter. All pieces entered must be for sale and all the works with the exception of three dimensional pieces should be framed without glass.

Entrants must inform the number and type of pieces you intend to enter by May 1 by card or letter to: Red Cloud Entry Show; The Heritage Center; 100 Mississippi Drive; Pine Ridge, South Dakota, 57770. Entry forms can be requested at this address as well.

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For further information contact the museum at 756-2324.

## Summer language class

OKMULGEE — OSU-Okmulgee and the Mvskoke Language Institute are offering a 5 credit hour class on the Mvskoke Language this summer.

The class introduction to the Mvskoke language and culture is part of the 10 hour language requirements of the OSU System. Classes begin May 6. This is the first time this class has been offered as a summer session. The class must have 10 to 12 students to make. There is the possibility of distance learning for this class as well.

For more information call Dr. Avant at OSU Okmulgee

office of administration at 1-800-722-4471.

## Bacone College Alumni Reunion

MUSKOGEE — Bacone College Alumni Reunion will be held on the Bacone Campus June 18 through 20. This year all classes ending in four will be honored. Activities are being planned for the three-day weekend. All events will be in the Bacone Chapel.

## Mvskoke Nation Honor Guard

OKMULGEE — The Mvskoke Nation Honor Guard met March 13 and discussed past events and funerals. Jeremy Lewis from Eufaula, who is a Korean War veteran of the U.S. Army, is a new member of the Honor Guard.

The Honor Guard plans to attend Bacone College Commencement on May 8. Also, at Chief Ellis's request, the Honor Guard plans to attend the grand opening of the Museum of the American Indian in Washington D.C.

## Communications to offer senior portrait package

OKMULGEE — The Communications Department is offering a high school senior portrait and announcement package to tribal citizens beginning the first of May.

The package will include the following: 2 - 8 x 10; 2 - 5 x 7's; 8 - 3 x 5's; 27 wallets; and 1- eight proof picturefolio. Prints can either be in full color or black and white. Also, prints can be personalized with name, year, and/or school initials. Prices will range from \$30 to \$75 based on income guidelines. Digital announcements will also be available.

Photo sessions must be set up a week in advance. Photos will be taken at the main tribal complex, Indian community centers or Woodward Park in Tulsa.

For more information contact Lucas Taylor, Ruth Bible or Denise Jacobs at (918) 723-7637.

## Newspaper seeks submissions for senior high and college graduates

OKMULGEE — The staff of the *Muscogee Nation News* is seeking submissions from Muscogee senior high and college graduates for its annual graduates section.

The section will run in the June issue of the *MNN*. To have a graduation announcement published in this annual section include the following: the roll number of the graduate (if the roll number is not known, include the Social Security number or date of birth and the graduate's full name); a focused, color or black and white photograph with a good contrast (photos are optional); and include information such as: school name; city and state; clan; tribal town; parents; grandparents; awards; activities; and plans and adhere to a word limit around 115.

The deadline for submission is May 28. Mail submission to: P.O. Box 580, Okmulgee, OK 74447 or e-mail to: [jtaryole@muscogeenation-nsn.gov](mailto:jtaryole@muscogeenation-nsn.gov).

Electronically mailed submissions must be saved as a Word Perfect or Microsoft Word document. Digital photos must be sent with the following specifications: JPEG or TIFF format; a setting of no less than 300 DPI; and the images must be 1.5 inches wide and 2 inches in height.

For more information please contact the Communications Department at (918) 732-7637 or 1-800-482-1979 ext. 7637.

January District Court filings

Civil Actions:

- Security Finance vs. Justina McNac
- MCN Consumer Loans v. Beverly Peace
- Star Loans v. Chris Mack
- Star Loans v. Courtney Josie
- Royal Finance v. Jayme Spaniard
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Criminal-felony:

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— count 1: public intoxication
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- MCN v. Bryan Anderson  
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- MCN v. Saperen Black  
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- MCN v. Gary Thompson  
— count 1: disorderly conduct
- MCN v. Ricky Thompson  
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- MCN v. Christina Thompson  
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  - MCN v. Lonnie Francis  
— count 1: disorderly conduct
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  - MCN v. Chrisopher Smith  
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- MCN v. Tammy Checotah
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- Branon Littlehead v. Minnie Lindsey
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- Security Finance v. Patricia Lowe

Protective Orders:

- Christina Berryhill v. Lindell Berryhill Jr.
- Clara Ballard v. Michael Matzinger
- Marjorie Chalakee v. Carrissa Wolfe
- Marjorie Chalakee v. Aaron Burgess
- Marjorie Chalakee v. YoLina Mora-Russell
- Marjorie Chalakee v. Darin William
- Minnifie Wilson v. Manuel Perez
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- Sandra Knight v. Starling Knight
- Loretta Bible v. Justin Bible
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- Renee Buck & LaToya v. Eugene Tyler

Divorce:

- Starling Knight v. Sandra Knight
- Alex Meely v. Arnold Meely
- Vanessa Battiest Hopkins Colon v. Michael Hopkins Colon
- Criminal-felony:
  - Muscogee (Creek) Nation vs. Ricky Williams  
— count 1: aggravated battery  
— count 2: possession of drug paraphernalia
  - MCN v. Danny Smith  
— count 1: possession of Marijuana  
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- Criminal-Misdemeanor:
  - MCN v. Garland Rainwater  
— count 1: public intoxication
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— count 1: disorderly conduct
  - MCN v. Joseph Nichols  
— count 1: driving with out required registration
  - MCN v. Moses Onwu  
— count 1: disorderly conduct
  - MCN v. Christa Windham  
— count 1: disorderly conduct
  - MCN v. Hollie Brown  
— count 1: disorderly conduct
  - MCN v. Melissa Holt  
— count 1: driving with out required registration
  - MCN v. Wade Russell  
— count 1: disorderly conduct
  - MCN v. Steven Coleman  
— count 1: disorderly conduct
  - MCN v. Anthony Payne  
— count 1: driving with out required registration
  - MCN v. Anthony Payne  
— count 1: driving with out required registration
  - MCN v. Christopher Smith  
— count 1: disorderly conduct
  - MCN v. Sultan Almutairi  
— count 1: disorderly conduct
  - MCN v. Guilleono Lopez  
— count 1: disorderly conduct
  - MCN v. Kevin Roderick  
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— count 1: disorderly conduct
  - MCN v. Jimmy Godfrey  
— count 1: driving with out required registration
  - MCN v. Sarah Brown  
— count 1: driving with out required registration
  - MCN v. Matthew Baker  
— count 1: driving with out required registration
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  - MCN v. Janette Weller  
— count 1: disorderly conduct

## Legal Notices

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Case No. CRF 2003-14

In the District Court of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation,  
Okmulgee District Court: Muscogee (Creek) Nation, Plaintiff,  
vs. Wynema J. Roberts, Defendant

### Judgment and Sentence on Plea of Guilty

Now on this 15th day of March, 2004, the same being a judicial day of said Court, and the time appointed for judgment and sentence in the above entitled cause, the defendant, Wynema J. Roberts, present in open court and represented by Michael Yeksavich and the Muscogee (Creek) Nation being represented by Shannon L. Prescott, Assistant Prosecutor.

The defendant having been legally charged by Information filed in this case with a criminal offense and having been duly arraigned thereon; the said defendant personally entered a plea of guilty to the crime of **COUNTS 1-25: Cheating by Check (NCA 99-04 § 4-707)** as charged in said Information.

The Court prior to accepting said plea informed the defendant of her Constitutional rights, including her right to legal counsel and trial by jury; her right to be confronted by her accusers and her right to the privilege against compulsory self-incrimination; and in response to questioning by the Court, the defendant said that she understood her Constitutional rights and she waived each of them, and persisted in her plea of guilty. The Court further informed the defendant of the minimum and maximum penalty provided by law for the aforesaid offense, and the effect of such plea; and after being further interrogated by the Court the defendant stated that she is guilty of said crime and that her plea of guilty is voluntary and is made by her without inducement or coercion.

The Court thereupon accepted the defendant's plea of guilty to the aforesaid crimes; and the defendant having been asked by the Court whether she had any legal cause to show why judgment and sentence should not now be pronounced against her, and stating no such sufficient cause, and none appearing to the Court;

IT IS THE JUDGMENT OF THE COURT that the defendant, Wynema J. Roberts, is guilty of the crimes of **COUNTS 1-25: Cheating by Check.**

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED AND ADJUDGED BY THE COURT that the defendant, Wynema J. Roberts, be committed to the custody of the Chief of the Lighthorse Police for a term of One (1) year Sentence on each of the Twenty Five Counts, with all but Thirty (30) days suspended per count, more specifically set forth below: COUNT 1: To run concurrent with CRF-03-25; COUNT 2 & 3: To run concurrent with each other, but consecutive to Count 1; COUNT 4 & 5: To run concurrent with each other, but consecutive to Counts 2 and 3; COUNT 6 & 7: To run concurrent with each other, but consecutive to Counts 4 & 5; COUNT 8 & 9: To run concurrent with each other, but consecutive to Counts 6 and 7; COUNT 10 & 11: To run concurrent with each other, but consecutive to Counts 8 and 9; COUNT 12 & 13: To run

concurrent with each other, but consecutive to Counts 10 and 11; COUNT 14 & 15: To run concurrent with each other, but consecutive to Counts 12 and 13; COUNT 16 & 17: To run concurrent with each other, but consecutive to Counts 14 and 15; COUNT 18 & 19: To run concurrent with each other, but consecutive to Counts 16 and 17; COUNT 20 & 21: To run concurrent with each other, but consecutive to Counts 18 & 19; COUNT 22 & 23: To run concurrent with each other, but consecutive to Counts 20 & 21; COUNT 24 & 25: To run concurrent with each other, but consecutive to Counts 22 & 23; for a Total of Thirteen (13) One Year consecutive sentences.

The first 30 days confinement will run flat time and shall begin March 22, 2004 at 8:00 a.m. Each year that a consecutive sentence begins the defendant is to serve Thirty (30) days in confinement unless modified at each annual review that will be scheduled by the Court. Total jail time ordered unless modified is 390 days.

The remainder of the one year sentence shall remain suspended provided that Defendant timely pay all fines, costs and restitution associated herewith and comply with the Rules and Conditions of Probation signed by the Defendant and the Court, filed in this case and incorporated herein by this reference.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Defendant, Wynema J. Roberts, is to pay fines and costs per the attached Exhibit A.

The Court further advised the defendant of her right to appeal to the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Supreme Court, and of the necessary steps to be taken by her to perfect such appeal.

/s/ Honorable Patrick E. Moore, District Court Judge

Attest:  
Nancy Jukich, Court Clerk

/s/ Stephanie Thomas, Deputy Court clerk/Notary Public  
/s/ Shannon Prescott, Assistant Prosecutor  
/s/ Michael Yeksavich, Attorney for the Defendant

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Case No. CRF 2003-25

In the District Court of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation,  
Okmulgee District Court: Muscogee (Creek) Nation, Plaintiff,  
vs. Wynema J. Roberts, Defendant

### Judgment and Sentence on Plea of Guilty

Now on this 16th day of February, 2004, the same being a judicial day of said Court, and the time appointed for judgment and sentence in the above entitled cause, the defendant, Wynema J. Roberts, present in open court and represented by Michael Yeksavich and the Muscogee (Creek) Nation being represented by Shannon L. Prescott, Assistant Prosecutor.

The defendant having been legally charged by Informa-

tion filed in this case with a criminal offense and having been duly arraigned thereon; the said defendant personally entered a plea of guilty to the crime of **COUNT 1: Fraud and False Pretenses** as charged in said Information.

The Court prior to accepting said plea informed the defendant of her Constitutional rights, including her right to legal counsel and trial by jury; her right to be confronted by her accusers and her right to the privilege against compulsory self-incrimination; and in response to questioning by the Court, the defendant said that she understood her Constitutional rights and she waived each of them, and persisted in her plea of guilty. The Court further informed the defendant of the minimum and maximum penalty provided by law for the aforesaid offense, and the effect of such plea; and after being further interrogated by the Court the defendant stated that she is guilty of said crime and that her plea of guilty is voluntary and is made by her without inducement or coercion.

The Court thereupon accepted the defendant's plea of guilty to the aforesaid crimes; and the defendant having been asked by the Court whether she had any legal cause to show why judgment and sentence should not now be pronounced against her, and stating no such sufficient cause, and none appearing to the Court;

IT IS THE JUDGMENT OF THE COURT that the defendant, Wynema J. Roberts, is guilty of the crimes of **COUNTS 1: Fraud or False Pretenses.**

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED AND ADJUDGED BY THE COURT that the defendant, Wynema J. Roberts, be committed to the custody of the Chief of the Lighthorse Police for a term of One (1) year Sentence, with all but Thirty (30) days suspended. The thirty days can be served on week-ends or evenings. Defendant is also eligible for work release if available.

The remainder of the one year suspended sentence shall remain suspended provided that Defendant timely pay all fines, costs and restitution associated herewith and comply with the Rules and Conditions of Probation signed by the Defendant and the Court, filed in this case and incorporated herein by this reference.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Defendant, Wynema J. Roberts, is to pay fines and costs per the attached Exhibit A.

The Court further advised the defendant of her right to appeal to the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Supreme Court, and of the necessary steps to be taken by her to perfect such appeal.

/s/ Honorable Patrick E. Moore, District Court Judge

Attest:  
Nancy Jukich, Court Clerk

/s/ Stephanie Thomas, Deputy Court clerk/Notary Public  
/s/ Shannon Prescott, Assistant Prosecutor  
/s/ Michael Yeksavich, Attorney for the Defendant

# Amendment

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ment is approved those persons filing for an odd numbered council seat shall serve for a period of two (2) years and those persons filing for an even numbered seat shall serve a period of four (4) years. The odd numbered seats will stand for election in two years at which time the odd numbered seats shall commence a four year term.

## Constitutional Revision New Article Constitutional Convention

### Article IX:

Section 2: (A) A Constitutional Convention shall be convened at least once in every five (5) years.

(B) The Constitutional Convention membership shall consist of all eligible voters of the Nation.

(C) A Constitutional Convention Commission is hereby established and shall have the administrative responsibility and authority to conduct the Constitutional Convention. The Constitutional Convention Branch selected by the Principal Chief, two members of the National Council selected by the Speaker, the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, District Judge and one eligible voter member from each District selected by the Caucus of National Council Representative of each respective District. In the event any District Caucus fails to make its appointment to the Commission on or before the first day of March in a convention year the seated members of the Commission shall have the authority to nominate and fill any vacancy.

(D) The Constitutional Commission shall organize in February and proceed to carry out the process of a Constitutional Convention that will ensure citizen input and participation from through out the Nation, completing their work on or before next February. The Commission shall conduct public hearings throughout the Nation to accept citizen views on constitutional amendments, revisions, alterations or additions and shall prepare a public report of all proposed amendments, revisions, alterations and additions. The Constitutional Convention Commission shall then work with the Election Board to prepare wording for separate ballots for each amendment, revision, alteration or addition to be submitted to the citizens at the election, completing this work on or before the last day of February.

(E) Constitutional Convention amendments, alterations, revisions or new articles proposed by such Convention shall be submitted to the eligible voters of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation at a special election, called by the Principal Chief within 60 days, unless there in a general election within sixty (60) days, and approved by a majority of the eligible voters voting thereon before the same shall be effective.

(F) The first Constitutional Convention to be convened under the provisions of this Article shall begin in February after approval of this Article by the eligible voters.

(G) The National Council shall enact such laws as are necessary to ensure a Constitutional Convention is conducted at least once in every five (5) years.

## Proposed Constitutional Amendment Initiative and referendum:

The citizens of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation reserve to themselves the power to propose laws and amendments to this Constitution and to enact or reject the same at the polls independent of the Muscogee (Creek) National Council.

This power is the initiative and eight percent of the registered voters, voting at the last general election, shall have the right to propose any legislative measures by petition and fifteen percent of the registered voters, voting at the last general election, shall have the right to propose amendments to the Constitution by petition.

Each petition shall include the full text of the measure to be considered.

The Muscogee (Creek) Nation Attorney General shall develop Petition forms that may be obtained by any citizen from the Muscogee (Creek) Election Board.

A Initiative Petition sponsor shall seek approval of a popular name and ballot title from the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Attorney General, who shall approve or cause to be made a substitute popular name within thirty days.

The completed Initiative Petition shall then be filed with the Election Board and the sponsor must then circulate the Petition for the required numbered of registered voter signatures, names and addresses within the next calendar one hundred twenty days. The sponsor must then return the petition to the Election Board for verification of the voter signature, name and address. Verification shall be completed by the Election Board within fourteen calendar days after receipt.

Petitions containing the verified and required percent of registered voters shall then be presented to the Principal Chief by the Election Board and the Principal Chief shall call a special election to approve or disapprove the initiative within sixty days.

The citizens of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation reserve the power at their option to approve or reject at the polls any act of the Muscogee (Creek) National Council. This power is the referendum and may be ordered by a petition signed by fifteen percent of the registered voters, voting at the last general election, from each district.

Referendum Petitions must be filed with the Election Board not more that thirty days after the passage of the act, law, resolution or bill upon which referendum is demanded and must be circulated for voter signatures, names and addresses within the next thirty calendar days and returned to the Election Board for verification of the voter signature, name and address. Verification shall be completed by the Election Board within fourteen days. Petitions contain-

ing the verified and required percent of registered voter signatures shall then be presented to the Principal Chief by the Election Board and the Principal Chief shall then call a special election to approve or disapprove the referendum within sixty days.

The veto power of the Principal Chief shall not extend to measures voted on by the citizens of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation.

The Muscogee (Creek) National Council shall make suitable statutory provisions for the implementation and conduct of the Initiative and Referendum Petition process.

The percent of registered voters required for the initiative and referendum petition shall be based upon the total number of registered voters who voted in the last general election.


## Proposed Constitutional Amendment Article V:

Section 1: (A) The executive power shall be vested in and shall be known as the office of Principal Chief of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. The Principal Chief shall hold office during a term of four (4) years upon election by majority of the votes cast. The term of office shall begin the first Monday in the new calendar year (January). Whenever the Principal Chief shall be absent from the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, incapacitated or unable to discharge the powers and duties of office all the executive power and duties shall be exercised and discharged by the Second Chief and such additional duties assigned by the Muscogee (Creek) National Council.

(C) In the case of vacancy, whether by removal, death, or resignation of the Office of Principal Chief, the line of succession shall be the Second Chief who shall be elected in the same manner as prescribed for Principal Chief. In the case of a vacancy in the office of Second Chief, that an election be held within 60 days to fill the Office of Second Chief.

Responses may be submitted to: Muscogee (Creek) National Council; c/o Constitutional Amendment Committee; P.O. Box 158; Okmulgee, OK 74447; or (800) 482-1979, ext. 7966.

I, Terry Jones, am announcing my candidacy for the McIntosh County Sherriff. I am a Democrat that has been a life-long resident of McIntosh County. I understand the needs and interests of its citizens. I am married to Brandy Edmondson and we have three children. My parents are Adam Jones Jr. and Mary Jane (Jordan) Jones. My brother is Adam (AJ) Jones III, and my sister is Kelly Jones Smith. My grandparents are JB and Beth Jordan, Mary Pearl Carey Jordan, the late Rev. Adam Jones Sr. and the late Hattie Morrison Jones, all of McIntosh County. I am a member of Little Coweta Indian Baptist church, and am currently employed with the Muscogee Creek Nation Lighthouse Police Department. I graduated from the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center, (Department of Treasury) in Artesia, New Mexico and Council Law Enforcement Education and Training in Oklahoma (C.L.E.E.T.). Like you, Brandy and I work every day to raise our young family in these uncertain times. I struggle with the same issues and concerns that you have regarding the safety of the community. All issues need to be addressed." I will work for the good of all of the citizens of McIntosh County. I look forward to meeting each one of you and listening to your concerns. We are blessed to live in a free country where we have the privilege of electing our public officials. Your vote counts. Let's change things together on July 27, "Vote Terry Jones Sheriff."



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## SENORA BURGESS

HENRYETTA — Funeral services for Senora Sam Burgess were held February 22 at Robert Simons Funeral Home with Rev. Nelson Harjo officiating.

He was born in Schulten on March 5, 1916 to Senora Samuel and Evah Patton Burgess. Senora married Juanita Marie Brace on May 11, 1940 at Okmulgee.

Sam retired in 1983 after 27 years as a machinist at Bell Helicopter in Hurst, Texas.

Burgess was preceded in death by one sister, Ann Penfield and one brother, Phelix Burgess. Survivors include: wife; three sons, Robert and Kenneth, both of Irving, and Raymond Burgess of Maryland; brother, Lee Burgess of Oklahoma City; five grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Interment was at Okmulgee Cemetery.

## WESLEY BUTLER

HANNA — Funeral services for Wesley Noah Butler were held January 5 at Hillabee Baptist Church with Rev. Richmond Carr, Rev. James Coker, and Second Chief Alfred Berryhill officiating.

He was born in Hanna to Ellen Bullett and Andrew Butler on September 3, 1952. Wesley lived and worked as a welder in Tulsa and Okmulgee but Hanna was always his home. Butler was very dedicated to his Ceremonial Ground Pagan Tullahassee (Peach Ground) and proud to be the Tvstvnvke.

Wesley loved to fish, hunt, watch sports (professional and local high school games), go to church, his favorite was Hillabee Baptist. He has a good outlook on life even with his failing health. He tried to make everyone laugh, either by telling a joke, pulling a prank or using one of his one-liners.



Butler

He was preceded in death by his parents and brother, Roman "Cooksy" Butler.

Survivors include: special friend, Sheila Harjo of the home and Lesley "Fvlvsko" Harjo; three sons, Vincent of Cromwell and Wesley Butler Jr. of Bixby, and Brandon Pigeon of Okmulgee; one stepson; four stepdaughters; brother, Andrew Ray Butler of Hanna; and four sisters, Julie Mendoza and Christine Butler of Tulsa, Leta Marshall of Okmulgee, and Edna Belcher of Eufaula.

Pallbearers include: Ace Bucker; Jerry, Roger, Ronald, Randall, and Cory Butler. Honorary pallbearers were: B.J. and Huey Butler; Earnest, Stormie, Christian Harjo; Johnathan Buckley; Jack and Davy Hill; and Charley Noriega.

Interment was at the Butler Family Cemetery in Hanna.

**Correction:** The obituary for Bettie Reed listed in last month's edition should have listed her niece, Leah and great-nephew, Oliver Ware, both of Shawnee. The Muscogee Nation News staff regrets the error and apologizes to the Reed family.

**Obituary notice:** If you would like to publish any obituaries in the Tulsa Creek Indian Community Center's monthly newsletter please contact: Laura Wesley, 8611 S. Union Ave., Tulsa, OK 74132; phone, 298-2464; or fax, 298-2466.

## ANN GORDON

OKMULGEE — Funeral services for Ann L. Gordon were held February 5 at the Kelley Chapel with Reverend Greg Keith officiating.

She was born July 16, 1927 to Porter and Stella Haynes Cox.. Ann retired as the resident manager of the Creek Nation Elderly Housing and enjoyed gardening and playing pool.

Preceding her in death were: husband, William B.; infant son, William Gary ; four brothers, Jack, Rufus, Porter and Chief Claude Cox; and two sisters, Elizabeth Medberg and Sarah Archer.

Survivors include: two daughters, Sharen Peoples of Woodward and Karen Tozer of Okmulgee; three grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

## LORENE HICKS

CASTLE — Funeral services for Lorene Hicks were held April 1 at the Okfuskee Indian Community Center with Reverend Harry Douglas officiating.

She was born in Bearden on December 6, 1923 to Sam and Malley Little. Lorene was a homemaker who loved her family and spending time with them. She also enjoyed being out in the cool, crisp air and picking up pecans.

Hicks was of the Baptist Faith and was a member of Prairie Springs Church. She was married to Joe Hicks.

Preceding her in death were: her parents; husband; four brothers; and one sister. Survivors include: three sons, Johnie of Okmulgee, Terry and Simmer Hicks, both of Okemah; five daughters, Aggie Beaver of Wetumka, Annie Hicks of Castle, Louannie Walters of Haydenville, Mary Walters and Rita Tiger, both of Okemah; twenty grandchildren; twenty-three great grandchildren; and a host of other family and friends.

Interment was at the Hicks Family Cemetery.

## REV. JOHN LOWE

HENRYETTA — Funeral services for Rev. John Lowe were held February 5 at Arbeka Indian Baptist Church with Rev. Allison Phillips officiating and assisted by Rev. Wilson Hicks.

He was born on March 24, 1922 in Wewoka, to Jemama Harjo and Jackson Lowe. John was married to Minnie Randall Lowe for about 50 years.

John was the Pastor of Arbeka Indian Baptist Church since 1978. Lowe was a retiree from Tinkerfield Airforce Base and was a veteran from the U.S. Army. He was remembered as a faithful servant to the Lord.

Preceding him in death were: his wife; parents; three sisters; and four brothers. Survivors include: daughters, Rachael Sumka of Henryetta; sons, Wilbert, Tony, and Marvin, all of Bryant, John J. of Tahlequah, and Tim Lowe of Mounds; three sisters; one brother; eighteen grandchildren; twenty-three great-grandchildren; and a host of friends and family.

## BETTY MCGIRT

EUFULA — Funeral services for Betty Mae McGirt were held January 31 at Kelley Memorial Chapel with Revs. Birdcreek Phillips and Dion Francis officiating.

She was born December 30, 1931, in McIntosh County to Thomas and Christy Charity Francis.

Betty attended Goodland and Chilocco. On January 26, 1952, in Fort Smith, Arkansas, she married Chester McGirt.

She was a homemaker and also worked at the White Stag sewing factory. McGirt was a member of the Artussee Baptist Church.

Preceding her in death were: her parents; son, Marcus McGirt; grandson, Marcus Sampson McGirt; three brothers; and three sisters. Survivors include: sons, Chester of Sapulpa, Patrick of Oklahoma City, and Michael McGirt of Eufaula and Daniel Billy of Stilwell; daughters, Christy Estep and Lillie McGirt, both of Eufaula and Patricia Hudson of Oklahoma City; brother, William Francis of Kansas City, Missouri; sister, Martha Phillips; twelve grandchildren and eleven great grandchildren.

Pallbearers include: Francis and Jackson Lewis; Robert, Wesley, and David Francis; and Shane Holuby. Honorary pallbearers were: Rodney Billy; Tom Francis; Raymond Tiger; and Bill Phillips.

Interment was at Charles Cemetery in Eufaula.

## GAY MORGAN

HOLDENVILLE — Funeral services for Gay Robert Morgan were held March 15 at the Holdenville Cemetery.

He was born November 1, 1918 in Holdenville to Willie E. and Emma Miller Morgan.

Following his service in the National Guard at Holdenville for three years, he enlisted in the Army Air Corps in June 1940. His service continued throughout World War II until November 1945. After the war he was employed in the Dept. of the Air Force at Tinker AFB as an Aircraft Mechanic. Morgan retired June 1975, after thirty-two years of service.

Gay married Geraldine Haley Morgan on February 14, 1945. He was a longtime member, participating member and Deacon of First Christian Church of Midwest City.

Preceding him in death were: his parents; his brothers, Raymond and Fred Morgan; and his sister, Doris Smith.

Morgan is survived by his wife and sons, David of Oklahoma City and John of Social Circle, Georgia.

Memorial gifts may be made to the First Christian Church, P.O. Box 30973, Midwest City, OK 73140.

## CESAR PEREZ-WILSON

TWIN HILLS — Funeral services for Cesar Perez-Wilson were held December 30 at Concharty United Methodist Church with Rev. Newman Frank Jr. and Rev. Joe Lowe Jr. officiating.

He was born to Manuel Perez and Minniefee Perez-Wilson on May 1, 2003 in Okmulgee.

Cesar was preceded in death by his maternal great grandparents, Solomon and Nicey Wilson, Raymond Barnett, and Cora Lowe.

Survivors include: his parents; sister, Erika Perez-Wilson; maternal grandparents, John Sr. and Lucinda Wilson, all of Okmulgee; and paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Enrique Perez of Tulsa.

Casketbearers were Jared and Nathan Wilson. Honorary casketbearers were John Jr., Thomas, and Solomon Wilson.



Wilson

## Shop talk with Gerald

Well, with another March Madness coming to a close, we hope everyone did okay on their bracket selections. Congratulations to Oklahoma State and their amazing run through the NCAA tourney.

Oh March! You can always count on good basketball and good wild onions! But with the passing of such a spectacular part of the year brings us the promise of a new season, outdoor sports.

Yep, we know you're putting that basketball in the closet and getting out that good old comfortable ball glove. Some of you diehards even put your face in it and smell the leather, come on be honest!

Hey, I don't blame you, this is the right time of the year. We all need to be outside, and sports is a good way of doing that.

Congratulations to the committee of the All-Indian March Madness Basketball Tournament. The event, held on March 18 through the 20 was a complete success. Lucas Taylor, coordinator of the event would like to thank everyone who lended their help and to all the fans who came and supported the tournament and their team.

The Girls Championship saw the John Crow IV Memorial Foundation team defeat CRJ. While on the boys side, the Dream Team was victorious over the John Crow IV Memorial Foundation.

Our thanks to Mike Houck, Director of Basketball and Media relations at the University of Oklahoma. Mike was very instrumental in being a liaison with Coach Kelvin Sampson who wrote a welcome letter supporting the tournament.

A very special thanks goes out to Dewar Girl's Head Coach Todd Been. The Dragons Coach has been a believer in the tournament all along. Other locations were certainly looked at to host the tournament, but were met with questionable opposition. Been was very accommodating and helped to insure good Indian basketball would be showcased. In a time where Native American youth have opportunities to express their talents, Coach Been stepped up to the plate. Thanks coach!

Video and DVD copies of the championship games, as well as the individual competitions and a special music video featuring highlights from the overall tournament, will be produced and made available for ordering from the Communications Department. The DVD set can be purchased for \$20. For more information contact Gerald at (918) 732-7635.

Many thanks to all the Muscogee (Creek) citizens out there who are submitting information about their favorite Creek athletes. Its important we let everyone know they are accomplishing a lot. So keep bringing us that information about those good Creek athletes that are playing so well this year. As in the words of newsman Paul Harvey-*"He who toots his own horn, gets his horn tooted!"*

## Schulter player enjoys success on the hardwood

SCHULTER — The 1st Annual All-Indian March Madness Basketball Tournament brought out the best in area Native American athletes. One of those athletes was 5'8" freshman Rikki Wolfe.

Wolfe played for the John Crow IV Memorial Foundation girls team during the tournament. Her team placed first and she was one of the five selected to the All-Tournament team. She also captured the crown of three point champion during the special events held Friday evening.

Wolfe attends Schuler High School, and like a lot of Creek children, it was destined that she would play some sport.

Fortunately, for her teammates and Coach Bruce Magness, she chose the sport of basketball. Wolfe says it wasn't until she reached the second grade that she really got into playing seriously- talk about your late starts!

Even though Wolfe just completed her first year on the High School squad, she was very much a part of the Lady Bulldogs success. Wolfe saw her team post a record of 20 wins and only 8 losses.

When Schuler went on the road, Wolfe and the Lady Bulldogs also saw success in tournament play. Schuler won

the Wilson Tournament which is always a big stage for local basketball rivals and fans.

The Lady Bulldogs are a part of the Crossroads Conference, which features the likes of Dustin, Graham, Hanna, and Henryetta-Wilson. Schuler finished as Co-Champs of the Conference along with Dustin.

When post season action started, the Lady Bulldogs were crowned District Champs, and were the runner-ups in regional play. The team was able to make it to the area tournament in Enid before falling to Ringwood High School.

Wolfe realizes there is always room for improvement in all aspects of her game and is willing to make the commitment toward this. Her average was steady this year with 13 points, 6 rebounds, 4 assists, and 4 blocks per game. She was selected All-Conference which allowed her to showcase her talents in the Conference All-Star Game.

Although much success was seen throughout the year, Wolfe claims her best game was probably against Canadian who were undefeated at the time. The game went into double overtime with Schuler prevailing. The game also saw Wolfe score 16 points, and grab 10 rebounds-her highest of the regular season.

Wolfe isn't the only Creek girl helping the Lady Bulldogs to a great season, senior Connie Harjo and sophomore Courtney Tamplen also contributed greatly.

Wolfe hopes that when her playing days at Schuler are over, she will be awarded a college basketball scholarship to continue the only sport she ever really wanted to play.

Wolfe attends Newtown Methodist Church and is a member of the Bird Clan. Her parents are Rick and Minnie Wolfe.



Wolfe

## Creek weightlifter breaks state high school record

MORRIS — In today's society, the emphasis is always placed on mental strength. Qualities such as character and fortitude are also a prerequisite in the modern world. But physical strength has always been admired. In some instances physical strength may secretly be given more respect from the masses than the above mentioned.

The Biblical tale of King Saul showed how a person with powerful physical presence can be judged a qualified leader.

Muscogee (Creek) Citizen Marcus Duvall of Morris High School is considered a leader of sorts and definitely receives a lot of respect from his classmates.

Duvall recently set a state high school weightlifting record in the deadlift contest held at Norman North High School on March 12 of this year.

Duvall deadlifted approximately 655 pounds, breaking the old record set by another Muscogee

(Creek) Citizen, Mark Holatta, who is also from Morris. Holatta's record was 610 pounds.

Holatta was on hand to watch the competition. Actually, Duvall and Holatta are good friends. "He (Holatta) wished me good luck and was glad that it was someone from Morris that was setting a new record," said Duvall.

Duvall also set another record as well. He set a new total weight record as well. All competitors are judged by their weight total, that is exactly how much total weight they lift in each competition.

Duvall, out of three lifts combined, set a new High School State record at 1,585.

Duvall, who also plays football for the Tigers, says he has been weightlifting seriously since about the 7th grade.

Duvall, who is a senior, plans to attend NEO A&M and specialize in Sports and Health Science.



Duvall